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Attorney-General announces decision to indict Raviv

By ELLI WOHLGELER

After nearly a year's deliberation, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein announced yesterday that three charges would be brought against former General Security Service agent Avishai Raviv.

"We will put Mr. Raviv on trial on the charge of failing to prevent a crime in all that has to do with the murder of the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin," Rubinstein told a news conference in his Jerusalem office.

Rubinstein said Raviv, code-

named Champagne, was aware of assassin Yigal Amir's intentions to kill Rabin, but did not inform his GSS handlers. Rubinstein

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said Raviv will not be charged as an accomplice, because he did not know of Amir's specific plans to shoot Rabin on the night of November 4, 1995. The charge

carries a maximum two-year sentence. Raviv, 31, will also be charged with conspiracy and inciting racism. The latter charge stems from a "swearing-in" ceremony for the group Eyal that was taped and broadcast on TV, showing masked members "who were supposedly joining an organization which he was heading, [involving] all kinds of racist proclamations against Arabs and against 'non-Jewish Jews' and these kinds of things, [which] took place in September of 1995," Rubinstein said.



Avishai Raviv

a decision to indict was because "not all the evidence was in front of me; and the Margalit Har-

Shefi verdict had not been given yet," referring to the friend of Amir who was sentenced in September to nine months in jail for failing to prevent the assassination.

"We wanted to leave no stone unturned before we reached our decision," he said. "I wanted to question all the people who gave testimony and make sure that there is really a viable case, because of the sensitivity of the issue. We checked every single complaint, and the decision was only made recently."

Raviv's lawyer, Eyal Shom-

roni-Cohen, issued a statement saying his client "did not know of Yigal Amir's intention to murder the prime minister. Had he known, he would have reported on it, as he had reported on Amir and others in other matters."

The Justice Ministry said no date has been set for an indictment hearing.

Rubinstein made a point of clarifying the issue of GSS involvement in the case, noting that the agency had originally expressed reservations about indicting Raviv.

"The head of the GSS [Ami-

Yalon] wrote and said that, because people are now claiming that the GSS was responsible for killing Rabin, he prefers that Raviv be brought to justice in order to refute all the conspiracy theories."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that one man is being tried, and that the GSS would not be placed in the dock. He stressed the importance of remembering the ceaseless work performed by the GSS in protecting national security.

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Insurance official: Generali being probed for deceit

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Italian insurer Assicurazioni Generali is being investigated for deceit during the negotiations that led to the sale of Migdal Insurance, Insurance Supervisor Tzipi Samet told MKs yesterday.

It is claimed that Generali is refusing to pay out on the policies of people killed in the Holocaust. Speaking at a joint session of two Knesset subcommittees, Samet said that prior to Generali's purchasing Migdal from Bank Leumi for some \$330 million two years ago, she was told by company executives that French-based Societe Eurafiance held less than five percent of Generali.

However, MK Michael Kleiner (Geshet) suggested that new evidence provided by Martin Stern, the grandson of a policyholder, showed that Eurafiance owns 50% of Generali. Stern's claim was based on an Internet report on Eurafiance written by Hoover's, which provides reports on major international companies.

This suggestion was dismissed last night by a Generali source. "The shareholdings in Generali are as presented and published," said the source. "There is no truth in these allegations."

The company's Trieste headquarters last night provided The Jerusalem Post with a list of its top shareholders: Spafid (5.89%), Mediobanca (5.87%), Banca d'Italia (4.86%), Euralex (4.76%), and State Street Bank and Trust (2.51%). The document did not detail any links between these companies and other shareholders.

A Generali source added that he is amazed the meeting had taken place without anyone from the company being invited. However, the MKs said there was no need for Generali to attend as the discussion was about Eurafiance.

Meanwhile, former Bank Leumi and Africa Israel chairman Moshe Sanbar yesterday strongly denied the suggestion reported in the Post that he was ever a board member of Migdal. The report claimed there is an effort by Israeli and Jewish organizations to remove Sanbar from the international commission on insurance companies because he has a conflict of interests, having contacts with Generali.

Sanbar yesterday received the backing of the board of the Center of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel. In a statement, the board attacked those that are attempting to vilify Sanbar.

"He sees this as another attempt of interested political parties to try to prevent him from doing his job," read the statement.

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Democrat Charles Schumer addresses his supporters after defeating incumbent Alfonse D'Amato in the Senate race in New York.

Democrats back in the game

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Democrats declared yesterday that their odds-defying mid-term election victories showed they are back in the political ball game and Americans want to shut off talk of impeaching President Clinton.

Democrats picked up five seats in the House of Representatives — the first time the party in the White House has gained seats in a mid-term election since 1934 — and held their own in the Senate and among the governors.

Republicans held a 223 to 211 lead with one independent in the House and a 55-45 lead in the Senate, the same as before

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Tuesday's voting. Texas Gov. George W. Bush immediately became the focus of the 2000 presidential race, as his

landslide reelection victory thrust him to the front of the potential Republican candidates. One exit poll showed him easily beating Vice-President Al Gore.

The biggest losers were probably Sens. Alfonse D'Amato, the three-term New York Republican who lost to Democratic Rep. Charles E. Schumer, and Carol Moseley-Braun, the Illinois Democrat who was the first black woman elected to the Senate, but could not win reelection.

PM satisfied by US assurances

Cabinet to discuss Wye deal today

By DANNA HARMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last night expressed satisfaction at assurances given by the US regarding the Palestinians' willingness to imprison 30 fugitives wanted for murder. Netanyahu received American assurances that the PA would imprison a third of the fugitives at each stage of the Wye accord implementation and complete the process within 12 weeks.

Following receipt of the US statement, Netanyahu called a cabinet meeting for this morning to begin debate on ratification of

the Wye Memorandum. Earlier yesterday Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat

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announced in Spain that the PA had arrested 12 of the 30 Palestinian fugitives wanted by Israel. Netanyahu said that if Arafat's report is accurate, he welcomes it.

"This is exactly what we are demanding: strict observance of

the agreement by both sides — the Palestinian and the Israeli," Netanyahu said.

Arafat, speaking in Madrid, said the PA had arrested a dozen Palestinians that Israel has named as being responsible for the deaths of nearly 100 Israelis: "We... have detained 12 of them. They are people who have committed terrorist acts. We will continue to pursue the others," Arafat said in Arabic, which was translated into Spanish. "We will continue working 100 percent, but nobody can achieve 100 percent results."

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Population passes 6m. mark

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Israel's population passed six million at the end of September, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. Some 4.76 million Israelis are Jewish.

Over the last seven years the population has increased by 1 million. About 59% of this is natural increase, with the remainder the result of the immi-

gration of some 520,000 people, with 110,000 emigrating.

When Israel was established 50 years ago, there were an estimated 800,000 people living here. Within a year, that figure had risen to more than 1 million. By the end of the first decade, the total had climbed to 2 million. That had doubled by 1982; and the 5 million mark was passed in 1991.

S&P: CPI to remain 4%-5%

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Standard & Poor's, the US-based securities rating agency, predicts that despite the shekel's recent depreciation, inflation will not exceed the 4 percent-5 percent range in the foreseeable future.

The prediction was included in a report explaining its decision to leave the government's long-term foreign currency rating at A minus. The outlook for the economy as a whole was described as "stable."

Speaking from London, David T. Beers, managing director of the sovereign rating group at S&P, told The Jerusalem Post that the inflation forecast took into account the recent depreciation of the shekel. The rating, he explained, is a long-term view which is not affected by one-off changes.

While conceding that the shekel's recent plunge "may distort inflation projections," Beers said the dollar's appreciation will only

lead to a temporary rise in inflation, since the Bank of Israel's tight monetary policy will ultimately restrain inflation.

The rating agency added that the economy is expected to grow by no more than 1.5% and 2% in 1998 and 1999 respectively.

S&P said that the outlook assumes continued fiscal and monetary discipline, despite growing political pressures in the face of slow growth and rising joblessness. Full story Page 13.

The 'hamula' makes a comeback among Arab voters

By DAVID RUDGE

For Israeli Arabs with political aspirations, but bereft of hopes of entering the highest echelons of government or the Civil Service, election to the local corridors of power represents the pinnacle of achievement that can realistically be attained.

This is perhaps one of the main reasons why there is a plethora of mayoral and council candidates. It might also partly explain why the local elections in the Arab sector are being fought with such verve and occasional acrimony, which in recent weeks has led to violent clashes between supporters of rival factions.

The importance attached to the municipal elections is also reflected in the voter turnout, which in the past has always been far higher than in the Jewish sector and is expected to be again.

The issues have a tendency to become blurred in the surfeit of personalities, parties, movements,

groups, and combined lists. Further confusion is added by conflicting trends and apparent contradictions that reflect the changes occurring in the Arab community.

There appears to be a return to traditional, religious roots, alongside the advent of those advocating secular-religious tolerance, pluralism, and women's rights. About a dozen women are running on various lists — the biggest number ever. Given the traditional role of women in Arab culture, this in itself is a significant development.

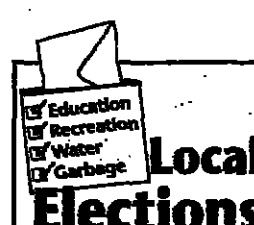
"It is a fundamental change compared to previous elections in which there were virtually no women candidates," said Dr. Elie Reikhs, head of Tel Aviv University's Program on Arab Politics in Israel, cosponsored by the Adenauer Foundation.

"There are no women candidates for mayor or local council head, but the fact that women are being fielded on several lists in various towns and villages in the North is a

very intriguing development and one which will probably ripen in future elections. It signifies a move toward a modern way of thinking, toward political pluralism and equality between the sexes, as well as indicating internal social change in the Arab sector."

In apparent contrast to this, the municipal elections are also characterized by a powerful resurgence, in an updated version, of the traditional clan: the hamula.

"Those who were quick to eulogize the clan as an old traditional force that had been almost eliminated by the process of modernization seem to have been proved wrong. Not only has the power of the clan remained stable, it has even strengthened," said Reikhs.



The present election campaign clearly illustrates that the basic loyalty of Arab citizens is to the family, tribal circle. The family gives security and stability, socially, economically, and politically.

"Loyalty to the family precedes regional, religious, ethnic, or even political loyalties and overshadows political party frameworks. So-called Zionist parties, for instance, such as Labor, Likud, and Meretz have almost totally disappeared from the municipal election scene, while the Arab parties, notably Hadash and the Islamic Movement, appear to be more selective about where they run."

The hamula, however, has adapted itself to the times and no longer is the village mukhtar the

automatic choice to head the council list. Instead, the clans have developed a form of "primaries" under which the candidates who appear to have the best chance of winning are chosen.

"In the present elections there are a record number of candidates for the positions of mayor and local council head who are doctors, engineers, pharmacists, lawyers, and so on," said Reikhs. "These people represent the new generation of academics and technocrats who are motivated by a deep commitment to their society. It should be borne in mind, however, that a PhD does not necessarily grant its holder the political acumen and administrative skills needed to run complex municipal systems. There is a risk, therefore, that some of these candidates might not live up to expectations."

Clans are fielding mayoral candidates and council lists in towns and villages throughout the country — ostensibly as independents. In some cases, hamulas have

joined forces or forged alliances with other clans or political parties.

Reikhs noted that in Taiba, in the Triangle, for instance, two clans are competing for control of the town council and the mayoralty — the Masarwa family headed by Issam Masarwa, and the Haj-Yihye family led by Abdel Hakim Haj-Yihye. The latter is running as a representative of the Islamic Movement.

"The smaller families in Taiba have split their support between the two main families. For example, the Jibali family is backing Haj-Yihye and the Baransi and Jabara families are supporting Masarwa," he said.

These coalitions and independent lists have resulted in fragmentation and divisions along a combination of clan, party, ethnic, and religious lines, and contributed to the overflow of candidates and lists.

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NEWS

in brief

US to offer \$5m. reward for Bin Laden

The US will offer a \$5 million reward for the arrest of Saudi exile Osama Bin Laden, who has been indicted in connection with attacks on Americans, including the August bombings of US embassies in Africa, a US official said. The official said the reward offer includes "up to \$5 million for each of them," referring to Bin Laden and another suspect, Mohammed Atef. The \$5 million is more than twice the \$2 million limit the US previously has offered in what it calls terrorist cases. The limit was raised as a result of legislation passed recently by the US Congress. *Reuters*

Susskin to be released

The woman who distributed a drawing in Hebron of Mohammed in the form of a pig and was convicted of throwing stones at a Palestinian vehicle is to be released after 17 months in jail, eight months ahead of the completion of her sentence. Tatiana Susskin will be released on November 9 from Ramle prison after her request for early release was accepted, as long as the state prosecutor does not appeal. She will be required to stay in her home after 8 p.m. and to post bond. *Itim*

Arafat, Mubarak to discuss peace deal delays

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will hold talks with President Hosni Mubarak today that are likely to focus on the Wye Memorandum. Officials said the two men would meet in Sharm el-Sheikh, where Mubarak discussed the agreement with a Palestinian delegation yesterday. "There is a serious Palestinian concern that Israel is trying to evade implementing the deal," Palestinian Legislative Council Speaker Ahmed Korei told reporters after the meeting. *Reuters*

Iran denies funding Hamas attacks

Iran yesterday denied Palestinian Authority charges Tehran funded attacks by Hamas, saying the accusations were a ploy to divert criticism from the Wye Memorandum.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mahmoud Mohammadi rejected the accusations as "groundless claims...and a vain attempt to divert public opinion from an accord which is in conflict with the Palestinian people's interests," Tehran radio reported.

The PA's police chief in Gaza on Monday accused Iran of backing attacks aimed at derailing the peace process, such as a suicide car bombing that narrowly missed a busload of Israeli settler schoolchildren last week. *Reuters*

IDF territories commander promoted

OC Judea and Samaria Brig.-Gen. Yitzhak Eitan is to be promoted to major-general, but will remain in his post, the army said. Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz made the decision this week and it has been approved by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai. The promotion, which is to go into effect shortly, brings to 21 the number of active major-generals in the IDF. Mofaz said in a statement that Eitan, 46, is needed to remain in his post "in light of the complicated tasks expected in the future, the need for continuity of command, and the experience to carry out this vital security assignment." *Arish O'Sullivan*

Sharon to visit Russia

Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon will make an official visit to Russia at the end of this month to meet with his counterpart, Igor Ivanov, and other administration leaders. In the letter of invitation received yesterday, Ivanov said the Russians are interested in discussing both bilateral relations and the peace process. *Danna Harman*

Interior Ministry sanctions end

Interior Ministry employees are ending their sanctions today after three weeks. The workers' committee announced it had made the decision after receiving a pledge from the ministry that all clauses in the wage agreement signed last year would be honored. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

US Court hears Palestinian deportation case

A case involving an 11-year effort to deport seven Palestinians and a Kenyan linked to a militant group was debated yesterday before the US Supreme Court. A decision is expected before the middle of next year. The US has sought since 1987 to deport the eight, who have been linked to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The government says the eight have violated a series of laws, including failing to maintain student status, working without authorization, and overstaying a visit. *Reuters*

Wye agreement is binding even if not approved

By LIAT COLLINS

Although verbal agreements are binding under international law, the problem is proving what they contain and their exact wording, according to international law expert Ruth Lapidot.

Lapidot, a professor at the Hebrew University, also said that if the cabinet and Knesset do not approve the Wye agreement "then we're in trouble because it is internationally binding."

Verbal agreements are sometimes preferred when the parties want things to remain ambiguous or are not sure of the exact terms they agree on, she said.

Earlier this week, MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) said some of the problems with the agreement could have been avoided had the attorney-general been present at the summit meeting.

Lapidot, who was part of the team which drew up the peace treaty with Egypt and the Taba Agreement, said this is not always the case.

"The problem with drafting is that you can always do better but you need to get an agreement for both parties. In this case, sometimes the experts can't use their abilities because they have to reach an agreement acceptable to both sides. The question I was often asked was: 'Can we live with this text?'"

Concerning what happens if the cabinet and Knesset do not approve the agreement, Lapidot said it would still be internationally binding as it is written that it will come into force 10 days later and in this sense is a fait accompli. "The problem will be the implementation from the domestic point of view," she said.

Three SLA soldiers killed by roadside bomb

By DAVID RUDGE

Three South Lebanese Army soldiers were killed and one lightly wounded by a roadside bomb near Jezzine yesterday. Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack.

According to some reports, there were suspicions that some residents of the security zone may have collaborated with Hizbullah activists.

The wounded soldier was treated at the scene and was later taken to hospital in the SLA-controlled town of Jezzine.

Around the same time, IAF warplanes struck at Hizbullah targets in the Zilliya area north of the security zone. It was the fourth air raid in three days.

The IDF Spokesman said the pilots reported accurate hits and that all the planes returned safely. Reports from Lebanon said that

two planes were involved.

As in the previous strikes, however, there were no reports of any Hizbullah casualties.

Later Hizbullah gunmen fire mortars at IDF and SLA positions in the eastern and western sectors of the zone. There were no casualties.

Meanwhile, Israel has lodged two further complaints with the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group over Hizbullah gunmen firing from inside and from the outskirts

of two villages, Jaba and Majdal Zoun, north of the zone, in the past few days.

The latest protests bring to six the number of complaints submitted to the five-nation committee by Israel compared to two by Lebanon relating to IDF and SLA shelling of villages north of the zone.

The monitoring group is to convene at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura next Wednesday to discuss the complaints.

Settlers in drive to implement approved expansion

By ARNIE O'SULLIVAN

In a drive to implement approved expansion, settlers brought 17 mobile homes to Avnei Hefetz near Tulkarm yesterday. The new mobile homes were set up about 250 meters from the existing settlement.

Head of the Shomron Regional Council Benzy Liberman told Israel radio that the building there would continue. He said the plan to move in the caravans had been sitting in his office for four months and was not linked to the redeployment.

"These are for a nucleus of residents who are moving to the new site as well as for members of a pre-army college," Liberman said.

"It's true that there are a few dozen empty apartments," Liberman said. "But these are small flats and no one wants to buy them. There is great demand and any reasonable apartment will be sold like hotcakes." Mobile homes have been put up in at least two other sites since the October 23 signing of the Wye River Memorandum which calls for an Israeli troops pullback from 15 percent of the West Bank.

Lt. Peter Lerner, a spokesman for the Civil Administration, confirmed that the project had army approval.

"They don't need permission. It was approved long ago by the Ministry of Defense so they could have started implementing the decision long ago," he said.

Mossi Raz, leader of Peace Now, said some of the homes in Avnei Hefetz are standing empty. By seizing the adjacent hill, Raz told AP, the settlers are trying to create disruptions and prevent the government from implementing the peace accord.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat accused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of trying to appease Jewish settlers. Since Wye, Netanyahu has been "giving bribes to the settlers by continuing settlements," he said.

Israel's position is that Israel would keep expanding settlements to accommodate natural population growth.

But during a visit Tuesday to the Jewish settlements in the northern Gaza Strip, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said that there would be no expansion plans approved in the future.

"There will be work in areas which have already been approved, but no illegal action will be allowed where it hasn't been approved," Mordechai said.

Danna Harman adds:

The British Consulate-General in Jerusalem yesterday reiterated Britain's position that settlements in the occupied territories and east Jerusalem are illegal under international law and an obstacle to peace.

"We deplore the news that a fence has been erected around the Ras el-Amud site in east Jerusalem, and also the announcement of increased investment at the Kiryat Arba settlement near Hebron," said the statement.

"These projects are both highly controversial and risk undermining the new spirit of cooperation forged at Wye."

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The statement added: "Mr. Sanbar maintains a strong line against the insurance companies and even criticized Knesset Finance Committee members for agreeing to the establishment of a \$12 million Generali fund."

Sanbar maintains Generali owes survivors and families upward of \$1 billion.

The company itself maintains it has no legal obligation to pay out on policies and created the fund as a gesture of good will.

Immediately following yesterday's meeting, Stern asked the MKs whether Sanbar has a conflict of interest. Kleiner said the issue must be investigated.

ARRIVALS

New Jersey Senate President Donald DiFrancesco and Diane DiFrancesco have arrived for a seven-day study tour which will include meetings with the Minister of Industry and Trade and with the New Jersey Cluster Partnership 2000 visit to Arad-Tamar.

Drive Carefully



We remember

Fatma Hana of Kafr Kassem (left) and Meirav Rath of Tel Aviv contemplate a portrait of Yitzhak Rabin yesterday at a Jewish-Arab encounter with some 250 high school pupils at Beit Hatefutsoth in Ramat Aviv marking the third anniversary of his assassination. (Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

Naveh rebuts charges of Wye flaws

By LIAT COLLINS

Cabinet secretary Dan Naveh yesterday sent a letter to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee refuting the points raised in their letter to him on Tuesday saying the Wye Memorandum is "full of flaws."

Regarding the clause on security, Naveh said this is not the first time Israel had agreed to prevent acts of terror against Palestinians, as the MKs claimed. But it is the first time the Palestinians had committed to a detailed workplan on combating terrorism, he said, and the security commitments at Wye are only on the Palestinian side.

Regarding the handling of the cancellation of the Palestinian Covenant, Naveh said the memorandum called for "the" members of the Palestinian National Council and not just "members" to ratify the cancellation of the 26 clauses Israel is demanding. The presence of President Bill Clinton at the revocation meeting will in no way deter taking the necessary decision, he said. He did not answer the MKs' comment that involving the US president in this event is "a mistake, as the result will be seriously to further the international recognition of the Palestinian state."

Israel has not conceded its demand that terrorists be handed over, but it was agreed that 30 wanted terrorists will be arrested by the Palestinians and serve long sentences. US involvement will ensure they are not released on a

"revolving door" basis, he said, noting there is no component of reciprocity on the Israeli side in this clause.

Concerning the collection of illegal arms, the Wye Memorandum for the first time establishing a framework for this that clearly includes not only the arms of Palestinian residents but also weapons held by the Palestinian Authority beyond the determined limit, he wrote. The US will also be involved in ensuring this.

Regarding the release of prison-

ers, Naveh says, "The government has no dilemma on this issue. Out of the 750 prisoners Israel committed to release, not one prisoner will have blood on his hands or be a member of Hamas or Islamic Jihad."

The clause on human rights stating the Palestinian Police will act with due regard to internationally accepted norms of human rights does not detract from its commitments to fight terror, said Naveh, but determines that the Palestinians must act according to the rule of law.

The Wye agreement, together

with the letters by US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and US envoy Dennis Ross, clarify that a reduction of 6,000 in the numbers of the Palestinian Police is called for.

Regarding US-Palestinian cooperation on terror, Naveh says Israel will be directly involved in monitoring the Palestinian fulfillment of the fight against terror and a trilateral committee comprising the US, Israel, and the Palestinians will be established so the Palestinians cannot stop at just passing on the information for the US to decide on.

PA security men Israel wants arrested

The Government Press Office yesterday named 30 Palestinians, whom the government insists the Palestinian Authority must arrest on suspicion of killing or trying to kill Israelis. It said 12 of them are members of the security forces. The following is a list of the 12 and a description of some of the crimes they allegedly committed.

1. Bassam Subhi Issa - involved in planning the attack on Rehov Yoel Moshe Solomon in Jerusalem on October 9, 1994.
2. Bassam Khalil Abdel Rahman Aram - took part in the attempted murder of Zvi Fixler at Moshav Gan-Or on December 10, 1993.
3. Yasser Mohammed Musa Aram - active in Islamic Jihad; took part in the attempted murder of Fixler.
4. Nafez Mahmoud Sabih - involved in planning the two suicide bombing attacks on Bus No. 18 in Jerusalem on February 25 and March 2, 1996, and the suicide bombing attack in Ashkelon on February 25, 1996.
5. Imad Mahmoud Abbas - took part in the

murder of Moshe Bino and Amikam Zaltzman, who were stabbed to death in Karni on June 25, 1992.

6. Atef Hamadan - took part in the attempted kidnapping and murder of an IDF soldier on September 18, 1992.

7. Rajah Khalil Ali Abu-Sita - involved in the murder of Uri Megiddish of Gan-Or on March 9, 1993.

8. Amru Abdallah Abu-Sita - involved in the murder of Megiddish.

9. Iyad Hamdi Abu-Shakafa - involved in the attempted murder of Shaul David in Ramle on February 9, 1994.

10. Iyad Abdelkader Basheeti - involved in the murder of two Israelis in Ramle on August 26, 1994.

11. Yusuf Mahmoud Abdelaziz Malahi - also involved in the Ramle murders.

12. Ibrahim Latif Shaheed - wanted for the murder of Labib Latif Shaheed, a suspected collaborator, on October 12, 1994.

Karni Industrial Park readies for December opening

By ARNIE O'SULLIVAN

Israel and the Palestinian Authority are confident that the opening of the Karni Industrial Park will take place as scheduled in mid-December. Palestinian sources said that they plan to invite President Clinton to officially open the park during his historic visit to the Gaza Strip on December 14.

The park, officially known as the Gaza Industrial Estate, is seen as a key source of income for Palestinians and it is hoped that up

to 20,000 people will eventually be employed there by the year 2,000. So far, Israel has put in some \$7 million, the PA has invested about \$30 million in the park. A number of industries there are joint Israeli-Palestinian ventures.

"This sort of estate will provide work and we know it will significantly improve the situation in the Gaza Strip," said Shlomo Dror, spokesman for the coordinator of activities in the territories.

The crossing is also being renovated to allow four times as many

trucks to pass daily. Israel is installing five x-ray machines to allow trucks to pass without unloading them.

The atmosphere at Karni is bustling to get it ready for opening. Last week, Maj.-Gen. Ya'akov Or, the coordinator of activities in the territories, met with Palestinian Trade and Industry Minister Sayid Komus and they agreed to set up a joint committee on site to quickly deal with any problems that may arise.

A US-funded desalination plant has been erected there and the

Palestinians and Israelis are to decide soon whether a power plant is to be built at the Karni Industrial Park. For the moment, the estate gets its power from the Israeli grid.

The park is to be opened experimentally until its official opening next month. Some 5,000 Palestinians are initially expected to be employed there.

The nearby Karni crossing is in operation, but still relies on "back-to-back" transfer of produce between trucks. It takes 20 minutes per truck now, but x-ray machines

will allow trucks to pass through without removing their loads, increasing efficiency four-fold.

On Tuesday, a UN report showed an improvement in the PA economic situation.

According to the UN data, unemployment in mid 1998 dropped to 15 percent from 22 percent during the same period last year. The GDP rose 6 percent, mainly due to a rise in per-capita income and natural growth.

Still, UN officials said people had reduced their expenditure,

possibly in anticipation of harder times ahead as the peace process approaches May 1999 when the Palestinians have claimed they will declare independence.

The data does not include the recent six-week closure, but Israeli defense officials said the closure this time was not expected to harm the Palestinian economy. This was due to special arrangements which allowed many workers to enter Israel as "preferred laborers," and the return of over 60,000 workers the moment the closure was lifted.

MKs split on A-G's decision to try Raviv

By LIAT COLLINS

Deputy Minister Michael Eitan, who has spent the last two years gathering evidence about Avishai Raviv's role in the events leading up to Yitzhak Rabin's assassination as well as his anti-Arab activities, said the Attorney-General's decision to indict him was "courageous" but "insufficient." He demanded an independent inquiry and accused the General Security Service and Attorney General's Office of hiding information from the government both under Rabin and Binyamin Netanyahu.

He also noted that Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein had mentioned that "interested" bodies had tried to prevent the indictment of Raviv.

"The decision is not complete," Eitan told a press conference in the Knesset. "The indictment should include also the direct incitement of Rabin's murder. I provided the attorney-general's office with much evidence and I'm waiting to hear why he is not being prosecuted on this charge. Similarly, I want to see an investigation at the public level. The GSS and Attorney-General's Office whitewashed and hid information from the political levels both in the previous government and this one and these things must be examined. It cannot be that today, after all that happened, we hear [former GSS head] Carmi Gillon saying, 'If only we had 10 'Champfagnes' [Raviv's code-name]."

Former deputy head of the GSS, Likud MK Gideon Ezra, said the decision was "long overdue." He

said Raviv had been accused of more serious acts than Margalit Har-Shefi, "not only failing to prevent a crime but being a provocateur." Ezra rejected the possibility that trying an operative would harm the GSS and said it would instead help rebuild trust; put an end to provocations; and help the organization reach conclusions regarding the assassination, particularly regarding intelligence.

He also said the Attorney-General's Office, under the previous attorney-general, "had been too involved."

A large number of MKs from both Left and Right praised the decision although several opposition MKs said the Right would try to put all the blame for the assassination on Raviv.

"The Right wants to believe that everything that happened in Israel before Rabin's assassination happened because of Raviv. There was no incitement, no rebels, no Jewish underground, no Baruch Goldstein. There were no clashes between settlers and the IDF, police and Palestinians. There was only Avishai Raviv," said Meretz leader Yossi Sarid in a joint statement with Meretz MK Ran Cohen.

"Let there be a trial so it can be seen that Raviv will not sit alone on the defendant's bench."

Similar opinions were heard from Shevah Weiss and Ophir Pines (both Labor) and Dedi Zucker (Meretz).

The decision united Hadash MK Tamar Gozansky and Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi in a demand that Raviv's GSS handlers also be tried.

Gozansky was physically attacked by Raviv in 1990 but the police file on the assault was closed. Yesterday she demanded that his handlers also be prosecuted.

Moledet's Ze'evi said, "I demand the attorney-general also try Raviv's GSS operators who failed in handling him, including the former head of the GSS [Carmi Gillon]." In the minority opinion was MK Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz) who criticized the decision on three grounds: that it would harm the GSS by preventing the use

of future agents in extremist groups; that other people including politicians and rabbis used equally inflammatory language; and because in his interrogation he mentioned rabbis and religious leaders but not Raviv.

Knesset Law Committee chairman Hanan Porat (National Religious Party) praised the decision as "courageous" but said it suffered from two faults: not prosecuting him on the grounds of incitement to murder and ignoring the incitement against Arabs.

Eitan: Raviv issued call to kill Rabin

Deputy Minister Michael Eitan said yesterday he had provided the Attorney General's Office with sufficient evidence on Avishai Raviv to enable him to be tried on more serious charges, including directly inciting Yitzhak Rabin's assassination.

He noted that among the evidence he had collected were statements that Raviv had called for Rabin to be "done away with, even at the cost of suicide."

He also provided a photo of Raviv holding a revolver and wearing a T-shirt with a picture of Rabin and the slogan: "There is no rest for traitors."

He added that Raviv apparently had placed a pamphlet on Baruch Goldstein's grave calling Rabin a traitor, warning he would give

away Jerusalem and saying he should pay with the death penalty.

"He did not distribute this in Rehavia but somewhere where he knew the type of people who would see it," Eitan said.

He also noted that the GSS had not told Rabin, even when the premier asked, that Raviv was behind the well-publicized swearing-in ceremony for the extremist Eyal organization, but had told him, "Eyal is under our control."

The GSS also allowed Rabin to believe that Eyal had carried out the murder of an Arab in Halhoul, as the group claimed. It later turned out the murder had been committed by another Arab. But in the meantime, Rabin, other ministers and the world press put the blame on settlers. *Liav Collins*



Remembering Rabin
Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak and Leah Rabin stand with hundreds of friends and relatives at Yitzhak Rabin's grave on Mt. Herzl yesterday, at a ceremony marking the third anniversary of his assassination. (Shem-Tov/Haran)

Where is he now?

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Avishai Raviv, a.k.a. "Champagne," claims he was tending his sick father in the hospital when he heard the news of his impending trial.

Even though Justice Ministry officials said that there is no arrest warrant out for the former Shin Bet informer, Raviv is lying low and his only contact with the public is through his attorney, Eyal Shomroni-Cohen.

"He was in the hospital dealing with his father who is suffering from high blood pressure due to the heavy tensions lately," said a statement issued by Raviv's lawyer.

The founder of the radical Eyal group denied accusations that he withheld information that could have prevented the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin by Bar-Ilan University law student Yigal Amir.

"Avishai Raviv did not know of Yigal Amir's intention to murder the prime minister. Had he known he would have reported on it as he had reported on Amir and others in other matters," the statement said.

It added that Raviv regretted the decision by Attorney-General

Elyakim Rubinstein to indict him, but added he was convinced that he will be proven innocent in court.

"The differences of opinion between the state prosecutor and the attorney-general on bringing him to trial prove that the decision was, as the attorney general put it, 'not easy.' But the doubt in this case needs to work in favor of Raviv since no man can be convicted if there is doubt of his guilt," Shomroni-Cohen wrote.

In a direct appeal to other secret agents and informers, Raviv called on "the anonymous soldiers in the security forces who are doing their sacred work these days not to lose their spirits and not to stop their work. I will do my utmost to seek justice without endangering you or harming the General Security Service."

Justice Ministry officials said that once the state prosecutor consolidates the charge sheet against Raviv it will be presented to court, which may issue a warrant for Raviv's arrest.

According to Rubinstein, Raviv will also be charged with encouraging violent acts and inciting to racism as a result of his activities in Eyal.

Arutz 7 commentator calls on ex-GSS informer to tell all

By HERB KEINON

"Avishai Raviv was part of the offensive war against the national religious camp. We were dehumanized, demonized. It was all planned from the beginning," claims Arutz 7 radio commentator Adir Zik.

Zik is hell-bent on not letting the Raviv issue fall off the public agenda - whether to tell listeners the number of Raviv's bank account, where Raviv ate dinner the day before last, or what his monthly stipend is from the GSS.

"Rabin knew all the time about the existence of Raviv as a provocateur. Raviv never brought information - he just engaged in provocation at the behest of the GSS."

Zik says Raviv used to turn to him continuously to publicize the actions of his organization, Eyal. He "drove me nuts that I should publicize what he did. I told him once, 'You want to start an underground, start an underground - I don't have to give you publicity.'"

On a recent show, Zik broadcast an appeal to Raviv. "I spoke to him directly," he recalls. "I said, the rope around you is get-

ting tighter - eventually your day in court will come. There are elements out there who will do everything they can to ensure that you don't get to court. If you want to get there alive and healthy, get a video camera, sit in front of it and talk. Tell everything. Everything, everything, everything. Who ran you, who paid you, what they told you to do. Put one copy of the video in a bank safe, and the other give to one of the papers - I said Hatzofeh - and tell them that you will call every three days. Tell them that if you don't call in three days, they should publicize the

tape. This way you have a chance of safely reaching trial."

Zik says he wants to see a national commission of inquiry set up to investigate the Raviv matter. Otherwise, he says, Raviv will eventually be tried for something relatively minor.

"The GSS will tell him to shut up, he will shut up, sit nine months in jail, and that will be the end of that. Unless there is a commission of inquiry."

A full interview with Zik appears in tomorrow's Magazine.

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One issue not brought up by Rubinstein was the pending petition before the High Court of Justice over Raviv's perjury, when he declared under oath at Amir's trial that he was not a GSS agent.

Critics of the announcement said it seemed to go too far, if the prosecution is serious about wanting to prosecute.

"If they charge him with something and they can't make the case, it's as if they did him a favor, because the case is going to get thrown in the garbage," said Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, the attorney for the Amir family.

"They overcharged him and overlooked the easier charge - they should have charged him with perjury and incitement to murder."

"Normally you charge someone with 15 things, and then the judge picks the one which he thinks fits the crime. But here they didn't do that, they hit him with the most serious ones. Probably two out of three won't stick."

Arieh O'Sullivan contributed to this report.

A suspect too important not to indict

The Criminal Procedure Law of 1982 provides that a prosecutor must file an indictment against a suspect if there is enough evidence for a trial - except when such a trial would not serve the public interest.

For more than two years, the General Security Service took the position that indicting its former agent, Avishai Raviv, for alleged crimes relating to the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin would cause much more harm to the public interest than good. The GSS was concerned that the trial would involve making public some of its best-kept secrets, such as how agents are recruited and operated.

However, earlier this year the GSS altered its position and said it favors indicting Raviv. It didn't really matter. Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein had already made it clear that, even if the GSS had not changed its mind, he would have rejected the public-interest argument, given the seriousness of the issue.

So Rubinstein claims that his decision to indict rested solely on the basis of whether there is enough evidence on hand. His stated evaluation is that the existing evidence meets the legal test of "a reasonable possibility of conviction."

The most serious charge for which Raviv will stand trial is failing to prevent the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin: a similar charge to the one that Margalit Har-Shefi was convicted of. The question here will be whether Raviv had specific enough knowledge of Yigal Amir's intention to kill Rabin; knowledge which he failed

to impart to law enforcement agencies.

The most interesting development in this area will be whether Raviv points his finger at others in the GSS in his own defense. Will he claim that he did give anyone at the GSS a warning about Amir? Will he claim that his actions were authorized by his superiors? Will he reveal the names of other GSS agents who may have behaved similarly? Clearly, issues of secrecy will pose a dilemma for the court in this trial. There is no doubt that, due to the delicate nature of the trial, some of the court sessions would be closed to the public and to the press.

The state may also use its power to declare certain evidence "secret," thus preventing Raviv from introducing it in his defense - though such an order can be appealed to the High Court of Justice. But if part of the *raison d'être* of the Raviv trial is to, once and for all, put an end to various conspiracy theories, holding the trial behind closed doors will not help this goal.

Less problematic will be Raviv's indictment for his racist and provocation statements during a ceremony he conducted for his organization, Eyal, at the Mount Herzl cemetery. In this case the evidence is quite clear, since Raviv's statements were broadcast by television's Channel 1. The trial on this charge will revolve around whether these statements were against the law.

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PM's office: Mossad not using Canadian passports

By SHI DAVID

The Prime Minister's office is "flatly denying" a Canadian report claiming the Mossad is still trying to obtain Canadian passports.

"We are flatly denying this story," said David Bar-Ilan, communications director for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "It is totally baseless. No representative of the Israeli government has used or will use a Canadian passport again."

In a Canadian television report broadcast Tuesday night, Leslie Lewis, an aide from Vancouver, said the Mossad has

twice tried to obtain his Canadian passport since the Israeli government assured Ottawa in October 1997 that steps would be taken to stop the practice.

In the report, Lewis also said the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv looked the other way after he reported the Mossad's actions.

Canada's ambassador to Israel, David Berger, says that Israel has abided by its commitment, AP reported.

In September 1997, two Mossad agents entered Jordan with forged Canadian passports and were caught after botching the assassination of Hamas political leader Khaled Mashaal, prompting then

Foreign Minister David Levy to make the assurances and apologize to Canada.

Lewis told W-Five, a news magazine show, the Mossad first asked for his Canadian identification in 1996. Lewis gave the Mossad his expired Canadian passport, driver's license and citizenship card, with the impression they would be used to help Jews leave countries where they are oppressed.

He asked for and received his passport back from the Mossad after the failed hit on Mashaal, saying he felt "disappointed, betrayed."

Lewis then told the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv of his actions and was given

a new passport and told "don't do it again."

Weeks after Levy had repaired the diplomatic rift, Lewis said the Mossad again asked for his passport.

"I said 'No way, forget it,'" he told W-Five reporter and Middle East Bureau Chief Elliott Schiff. "I was mad. I was mad. I was mad."

In February 1998, the Mossad again approached Lewis.

"They weren't so aggressive about getting mine [passport], but he wanted my permission to approach my daughter, to send her back to Canada, she doesn't have a Canadian passport, to get her to

apply for a passport in Canada and come back here and give it over to them," Lewis said in the report.

They both refused the Mossad and alerted the Canadian Embassy that the Mossad was still after Canadian passports. A senior diplomat from the Canadian Embassy interviewed Lewis, but nothing was done.

Lewis also told the Canadian Embassy of his friend Mordechai Brownman. Lewis believes Brownman gave the Mossad his passport in December 1993.

The report, citing intelligence sources, said the Canadian Embassy interviewed

Brownman on April 2, 1998, and he denied involvement with the Mossad. Those intelligence sources believe he lied.

Last Wednesday in Ottawa a committee that reviews the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's (CSIS) activities released a report saying the Mossad used very good forgeries of Canadian passports in the Mashaal hit. The committee also said the Mossad had forged a large number of Canadian passports, but there was no evidence of any cooperation between CSIS and the Mossad in the forgeries or the Mashaal incident. AP contributed to this report.

Report: Britain's wartime record on Jews blemished

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON — A 21-page booklet that will upset standard perceptions of British attitudes to Jews and the Holocaust is to be distributed through British schools, which are obliged to teach the Holocaust.

The booklet, "Britain and the Holocaust," is published by the London-based Holocaust Educational Trust headed by Lord Greville Janner, and is designed to put Britain's response to the Holocaust in a historical context.

David Cesarani, professor of 20th century Jewish history at Southampton University, who wrote the booklet, noted that Britain's reaction to the Holocaust was "mixed" and influenced by antisemitism.

The British government, he said, was concerned about antisemitism at home and feared it could fan anti-war, pro-fascist sentiment. Consequently, the government "did everything to avoid the impression that Britain was at war on behalf of the Jews." There was "plentiful and accurate" information reaching Britain about the plight of Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe, notes Cesarani. "However, there was a vast gap between knowing and believing." By intercepting and decoding messages from the SS and German police units operating in Nazi-occupied Russia, Britain's wartime leaders learned as early as 1941 about the scale of massacres of Jews. Independent confirmation of the Nazi plan to exterminate European Jewry came in 1942 from Gerhard Riegner, head of the

Geneva office of the World Jewish Congress, and Jan Karski, a courier for the Polish underground.

But according to Cesarani, British civil servants stonewalled the appeals of Jewish leaders, regarding their protests as "Zionist attempts to win sympathy for increased immigration to Palestine." In the period 1939-1940, "while it was possible for Jews to escape from the Nazis, Bulgaria, Romania and Yugoslavia were asked to stop the transit of Jews heading for ports from which to embark for Palestine." Cesarani asserts that Britain could have helped save thousands of Jewish lives by bombing the railway lines running from Hungary to Auschwitz and by dropping supplies to the "death marches" in 1944.

The failure, he says, is "a stain on the Allies' war record." Proposals to trade food for Jews with the Germans were also rejected — in part, at least, to avoid Soviet suspicions that Britain was exploring the prospects of a deal with Hitler.

Based on the experience of the Channel Islands that were invaded — "cooperation and fraternization with the Germans was the rule" — Cesarani speculates that there would have been as many Nazi collaborators and quislings in Britain as in occupied Europe if Britain had been invaded during World War Two.

"This book is about not giving pupils a false impression that everything Britain did was glorious," said Rosie Harris, educational coordinator of the Holocaust Educational Trust.



The biggest donor

Eliezer Krausz displays the 222nd unit of blood he has donated to Magen David Adom and the plaque he was awarded yesterday in recognition of this achievement at the dedication of MDA's new blood fractionation center at Tel Hashomer.

(Dan Ossendy/Israel Sun)

Officers tried for barring Druse colonel from base

By AMIEH O'SULLIVAN

In an unequivocal message to Druse soldiers and the entire Druse community, two junior officers in the Intelligence Branch were court-martialed yesterday for attempting to prevent a senior Druse officer from entering a base on grounds he was a security risk.

The Druse officer, a lieutenant colonel and battalion commander, was furious and filed a complaint over the incident with the base commander.

According to an inquiry ordered by OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Amos Malka, the battalion commander had come to an intelligence base leading a group of his officers for a course. Two first lieutenants at the gate told him security regulations barred him from entering. Eventually the Druse officer entered the base.

The two lieutenants were tried by Brig.-Gen. David Tzur. He convicted them of "failing in their duties." One was given a 28-day suspended sentence and the other a 14-day suspended sentence.

The results of the inquiry were relayed to the Druse officer personally by Tzur and OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Yufke Segov.

The IDF spokesman issued a statement saying that the army is preparing an information campaign on "the integration and contribution of Druse in all units of the IDF."

Researchers await rat tissue from space

By JUDY SEGEL

Researchers in Israel, Canada, and the US will receive slides of rat-bone tissue from NASA's Discovery space ship after the crew of astronauts — including 77-year-old Sen. John Glenn — returns to Earth on Saturday.

The slide data will be examined independently by aerospace medicine specialist and gynecologist Dr. Eran Schenker at Hadassah-University Hospital on Jerusalem's Mt. Scopus, Dr. Kevin Forkheim of Canada, and Dr. John Cassanto of the US.

Schenker, who is now back in Jerusalem after going to Cape Canaveral for the liftoff, said the temperature in the microwave

oven-sized experiment container was successfully held constant, but that nothing else about the bone cells and the bone-thinning effects of space can be known until they are examined and tested here. The work will take several months and the results of the three labs will then be compared, he told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. The aim is to deal with global medical problems, in this particular experiment the bone disease osteoporosis.

Schenker, the chief investigator of the first-ever joint Canadian-Israeli-American space study, said he got to know and admire Glenn during the last six months. "I flew to the US a week each month to be at Mission Control in Houston and then to grow the bone cells in

Florida and Pennsylvania."

NASA calls all its active astronauts for annual physicals, and they keep in condition, Schenker added. "But at a reunion of his fellow Mercury astronauts from the Sixties, the others looked and acted quite old, and Glenn — who is the oldest — looked the healthiest among them." According to NASA reports, Glenn's condition and mood are "even better than expected."

Two physicians, a Japanese cardiologist and a US specialist whom Glenn called "Dracula" for constantly taking blood samples from him, are on the space mission team with the NASA astronauts.

The \$3 million experiment, to which the Israel Space Agency and the Health Ministry have contributed NIS 20,000, was selected by NASA among thousands of proposals and is the fourth Israeli-designed experiment sent to space.

Opposition bills pass first hurdle

AT THE KNESSET

Eitan now liaison with Knesset

Deputy Minister Michael Eitan yesterday took over from Science Minister Silvan Shalom as the minister responsible for liaising between the cabinet and the Knesset. The rotation should have taken place in July when Shalom took over the Science portfolio from Eitan. The two have been arguing over their exact roles, as Eitan asked to retain responsibility over the government's computerization program while Shalom refused to relinquish the liaison post if he did not take over all Eitan's former functions.

Clinton visit still uncertain

The question of a possible visit to the Knesset by President Bill Clinton was still up in the air yesterday, but with stronger support for the assumption he will visit the House and perhaps even address it. Foreign Ministry

sources did not rule out the possibility.

The idea of the possible visit stems from Clinton's planned visit to Gaza on December 14 to witness the changing of the Palestinian Covenant by the Palestinian National Council. He is also expected to visit Jordan, and Foreign Ministry sources say it is possible he would also come to Israel and include a visit to the Knesset.

Disabled want their money

The heads of various organizations for the disabled met this week with Finance Committee members Ophir Pines and Shalom Simhon (both Labor) and complained that they had not yet received this year's budgeted allotment of some NIS 3 million. Mordechai Virshubsky, head of the umbrella organization of the disabled groups, said as a result groups and institutions are closing, activities are being cut and caregivers fired.

Alkim director Haim Bar-Noam said he had run out of money even for batteries for hearing aids. Pines said the whole committee is united behind them and would not approve the budget for the Labor and Social Affairs Committee unless the Finance Ministry releases the funds.

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Israeli security officials said they know of only eight of the fugitives who have been arrested. Officials in the Prime Minister's Office said they had not yet received any confirmation of whether the PA had actually arrested 12 Palestinians suspected of murdering Israelis.

"We know only of eight who had already been arrested and are waiting," said communications director David Bar-Ilan. "We'll know before the CIA, but we are waiting for confirmation from them."

He added that what Israel is really seeking is not the arrest of some of the terrorists, but a list of the timetable for their imprisonment.

"The whole thing is embarrassing. It really is," said Bar-Ilan. "The requirement is that they give us a list of when they are going to arrest these people."

After postponing Tuesday's cabinet meeting to yesterday, Netanyahu again delayed the meeting, telling US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright — in their third phone conversation in as many days — that he refuses to present the cabinet with an incomplete agreement.

Until the cabinet is convened, the Wye agreement cannot be ratified and the implementation of the accord, for all intents and purposes, cannot begin.

Israeli and American officials thus worked into the night yesterday in an attempt to come up with a document assuring Israel that the

Palestinian Authority intends to arrest and jail the 30 fugitives wanted by Israel. An official at the Prime Minister's Office said that a satisfactory, written assurance — which includes both a list of the fugitives and a time frame for their arrest — is being prepared by the Americans.

US Ambassador Edward Walker said in a statement that it is "true that there are some security issues where additional clarification is being sought," and added that the Americans are "discussing these issues with both sides. We expect that this process will be completed shortly."

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, in turn, criticized the US Secretary of State spokesman James Rubin, saying he had changed his stance under pressure from Israel.

"James Rubin's declarations two days ago were good, when he said the Palestinian side had done its commitments, but we heard today that he changed his declarations, which is absolutely unacceptable," said Erekat.

Hanan Ashrawi, the former Palestinian minister of higher education, accused Netanyahu of trying to get out of implementing the agreement and of killing the peace process, while Palestinian negotiator Hassan Asfour said that Netanyahu "feels the Wye River Memorandum does not satisfy the extremists, terrorists, and the settlers in Israel."

Other problems with the agreement also arose yesterday, promising to explode if and when the

matter of the fugitives is resolved. The main point of contention on the horizon is the matter of the PNC convention, and the nullification of those sections of the Palestinian Covenant which call for Israel's destruction.

The Israeli understanding is that the PNC will convene to vote on the matter of nullification. The Palestinians, in turn, say the PNC will convene to express general "support of the peace process," and that the Palestinian central committee will reaffirm its support for a January letter written by Arafat to President Bill Clinton saying the offending 26 sections of the charter will be nullified.

Israeli officials say the Palestinians are in possession of a letter — written by US assistant Middle East special envoy Aaron Miller and addressed to Arafat — which reiterates the US position on convening the PNC as Israel understands it. While the Palestinians admit they have received two side letters from the Americans on aspects of the Wye accord, they say there is no intention of publishing them. Erekat, however, said that one of the letters confirms the Palestinian understanding of the PNC convention and makes no mention of any need to vote on the nullification of the Palestinian charter.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who played a key role in negotiations on the charter issue at Wye plantation, said yesterday that the Palestinians are backpedaling. "I was present in all the negotiations on this mar-

ter," said the minister, "and it is crystal clear as to what was decided upon. They know exactly what was decided and it is very important that they do not change the story. Only a vote in the PNC is acceptable to us."

A dispute also arose over the terms of the deal for opening a Palestinian airport in Gaza. Arafat hoped to land there today on his return from Spain, but Palestinian Civil Aviation Authority chief Fayez Zidan said Israel had vetoed that. An Israeli official said the facility could not operate without a signed protocol.

The US administration again downplayed the cabinet delay in ratifying the Wye accord, saying it is not a crisis, but at the same time emphasized that the Palestinians have fulfilled what is expected of them in presenting a detailed security plan.

US officials remained hopeful late yesterday that the cabinet's ratification is imminent, which they said would enable the next steps in the implementation to occur. One official also stated that foreign minister Ariel Sharon has cancelled his scheduled visit here next week due to his illness.

For the third consecutive day, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright discussed the impasse with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"I think the word 'crisis' would be an exaggeration," State Department spokesman James Rubin told reporters. He said the schedule of implementation "is being met," adding that the

Palestinians "have taken the required steps prior to entry into force, in accordance with the agreement." But Rubin criticized Israel's leaking of the names of the 30 Palestinian terrorist suspects whose arrests it is demanding as a "grave mistake" on a "highly sensitive" security issue.

"We do not believe that the Palestinians are failing to act in conformity with the agreement."

"We are sticking to what was agreed at Wye, what was understood at Wye, what we expected to see clarified after Wye. And nothing has changed. We're trying to overcome some problems that have cropped up, but none of that should be a suggestion that we're leaning towards one side or the other on these subjects," he said.

Rubin said the US does not believe that the delay is harming the atmosphere between Israel and the Palestinians.

Hillel Kunitz, Arieh O'Sullivan, and Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

Drive Carefully

Student-Treasury talks break down

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and NINA GILBERT

Negotiations among student leaders, Treasury officials and representatives of the Council for Higher Education broke down yesterday, while students kept up their demonstrations for lower tuition.

Student representative Gil Bar-Noi walked out of the session after Treasury officials repeatedly sought to curb the scope of discussion, a student spokesman said.

As a result, student leaders vowed not to attend any more sessions "which are useless and in which the Treasury tries to block every attempt at a compromise or any movement by the committee in our direction," the spokesman said.

"If they don't have the authority, there's no sense in meeting," he said.

The Knesset voted yesterday to establish a parliamentary commission of inquiry into student tuition.

The proposal, which passed almost unanimously, was submitted by MK Uzi Baram, who said it was "imperative to reduce tuition so students can study without limitations."

Before the vote, the House held a debate on the student situation, in which Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman answered questions from MKs.

Neeman told the MKs there has been no real increase in tuition, while acknowledging increased costs in rent due to the depreciation of the shekel.

But he blasted MKs demands for a resolution of the situation, saying "higher education in Israel is not in a decline, it is rising high."

Neeman said that in the past few years, the education system has undergone a quiet revolution, due to the end of "cartelization of higher education."

MK Naumi Chazan (Meretz), who is a university professor, told Neeman: "You did not respond thoroughly or seriously about the influence of education on the economy. We know that the future of the economy depends on its brain power. Tuition in colleges is NIS 20,000. The real cost of studies with rent and living expenses reaches NIS 30,000 to NIS 40,000 a year. Students can't dedicate themselves to school work when they have to finance their studies."

The Knesset passed a bill in preliminary reading to grant loans to all students to cover their entire tuition bill without the need to get guarantors. Under the bill, sponsored by MK Michael Nudelman (Yisrael Ba'aliya), students would only begin paying the loan back five years after the end of their studies. The proposal was passed without

any opposition.

Neeman argued against the idea, saying that there is already a loan system in place to grant aid for needy students and funds for released soldiers.

He said the legislation would cost the state NIS 1.5b. a year, and at any rate the loans "have no place in legislation, and should be a matter between the government and the education system."

A student source said the students are willing to settle for a "gradual" reduction of tuition, beginning with 25% this year, but are likely to press for additional demands: the provision of another 20,000 places for students in university dormitories, more loans to help students pay for their living expenses, reductions in municipal tax rates for students forced to rent apartments, and the establishment of a committee to look into the overall state of higher education in Israel.

The source said the students are still threatening to launch a hunger strike Sunday, with some 200 participating, "and I want to see the government stand up against students on a hunger strike."

Interviewed on Army Radio yesterday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that he was "concerned about the fact that there are students in need, and we must find a solution to this."

Netanyahu said he wanted to receive a full report about the various possibilities for dealing with the problem before deciding what the government can offer, adding he does not "plan on letting the situation remain as it is."

Other students blocked intersections in Jerusalem and around the country.

Student Ifat Meyuhav suffered a broken hand and a split chin when police pushed her to the ground during a demonstration at Zion Square in the capital, and was hospitalized. Students also tried to block several other main streets there, resulting in 11 arrests.

In the Tel Aviv area, students wearing black demonstrated opposite shopping malls, Kaplan Street opposite the Defense Ministry, on streets alongside Tel Aviv University and on the Geha Highway. They also conducted a tour of the Hiriya dump site, holding signs saying "Higher education is in the dumps."

A total of 26 students and two supporters from a homeless shelter were detained by police in the Tel Aviv area, student sources said. All were later released.

Students also blocked the entrance to Beit Shemesh with bricks. *Itim contributed to this report*



Bezalel Academy student Moshe Sasvov chats with a police officer yesterday after handcuffing himself to the car of Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman as part of protests for lower tuition. (Flash 90)

Grades, degrees jeopardized by strike

The academic year has already been harmed by the students' strike, jeopardizing degrees and grades, Nissan Limor, director-general of the Council for Higher Education, said yesterday.

Limor said that "Every day of studies that passes is one that's lost. Don't forget that two weeks have already passed, and two weeks out of a semester that is 13-14 weeks long is quite a bit," Limor said.

He said he is not sure whether a way can be found to make up the lost time.

"There's no question that the problem will only get worse as the situation continues, because in the final analysis, it also costs money if someone has to study or teach in the summer," he added.

Those students expecting to receive degrees this year are also facing serious problems, he

noted. "If there are no studies, everything around them which the academic system supplies also ceases," Limor said. "After all, no one will give them a grade without an exam, and without studies there can be no exam."

A student spokesman noted, however, that when the university lecturers struck for 70 days five years ago, the semester was not cancelled.

Aryeh Dean Cohen

Call to ban Pollack's list 'Jewish Jerusalem' as racist

Tiran Pollack's list in Jerusalem's municipal election must be immediately disqualified on grounds of racism, Meretz MK Ran Cohen told Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein yesterday.

Cohen said the true affiliation of Pollack's party, A Jewish Jerusalem, was revealed when former Kach leaders Baruch Marzel and Noam Federman yesterday declared their support for the candidate in a flyer.

Cohen said Pollack was able to "hide his views," because city bylaws do not require the submission of a party platform. He also noted to Rubinstein that Kach was outlawed after the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Before the summer recess, a law sponsored by Cohen was passed by the Knesset banning racist parties from municipal elections. He said yesterday that he was submitting an amendment to the law to require the submission of platforms and to also enable the High Court of Justice to disqualify a party on racist grounds at any time, even the day before an election.

In the flyer, Marzel and Federman call on Kach followers to vote for "our member and friend" Pollack and work to ensure the success of the list.

Easier voters' ID

The government decided yesterday to allow voters to use their passports or driver's licenses instead of their identity cards to vote, in light of the ongoing strike in the Interior Ministry.

Election holiday

An urgent request has been sent to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu by MK Marina Solodkin (Yisrael Ba'aliya) to declare municipal election day a national holiday, since it has been decided to close schools on that day.

Solodkin, chairwoman of the Committee on the Status of Women, said the closure of schools creates a hardship on working mothers, who will be forced to stay home as a result or find other childcare solutions.

Busing outside voters

Hemdat, the Council for Freedom of Science, Religion, and Culture in Israel, yesterday protested the plan by the haredi parties to bring busloads of voters from outside Jerusalem to vote in the municipal elections.

"The haredim are planning to bring in thousands of people who have left the city in the past few years in order to influence the outcome of the elections," the group said in a statement.

"This will result in a distortion of the haredi voting influence in the city," it added.

The group noted that secular residents who have left the city are forced to change their addresses in order to register their children for school, as opposed to the private haredi school system.

A violent campaign

At least 170 complaints about incidents of violence have been received by the police since the beginning of the municipal election campaign. Insp.-Gen. Yehuda Wilk said yesterday on a visit to Mesubim police.

Wilk said this figure includes 38 complaints of physical assault and 22 of damage to property.

"There has been an increase in the level of violence of Israeli society, and it doesn't begin and end with the local elections," said Wilk. "On election day we'll be deployed in very great numbers."

Likud campaigner attacked in Tel Aviv

Two unidentified assailants beat and injured a Likud campaign worker handing out stickers on Derekh Ben-Zvi in Jaffa on Tuesday night. The worker was lightly injured and taken for treatment to Ichilov Hospital. A police search of the area failed to turn up any suspects.

Earlier Tuesday the windshield of a car belonging to a candidate for the mayoralty of Or Yehuda was smashed. Police are investigating the incident, including burned papers found in the car. *Itim contributed to this report.*

Infighting holds up election of Tel Aviv Ashkenazi chief rabbi

By HAIM SHAPIRO

The ongoing infighting over the post of Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Tel Aviv is a symptom of the general malaise affecting the official rabbinate, according to Dov Halberstam, former head of the religious broadcasting system of Israel Radio.

The post has been vacant for almost six years, since the election of Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau to his present position. The position of Sephardi chief rabbi has not been occupied since the death of Rabbi Haim David Halevy, over a year ago.

In the latest development concerning the election, the High Court of Justice ruled yesterday that the election should not take place until the Chief Rabbinate had investigated a charge made against Rabbi Yona Metzger, rabbi of north Tel Aviv and one of the leading contenders. Metzger, according to the charge, forged his driver's signature as a witness on marriage certificates.

Metzger, who asserts that the driver had made the accusation in revenge for having been fired, had taken the unprecedented step of petitioning

the "secular" High Court.

Although his action aroused considerable wrath in rabbinical circles, it did not, apparently, reduce his support in the National Religious Party, with which he is identified.

Even before Metzger petitioned the High Court, there had been considerable enmity between Lau and Metzger, who had opposed Lau's bid for the chief rabbinate. The animosity exists despite, or perhaps because, the two have very similar styles, marked by outstanding public speaking abilities.

The rabbi most often mentioned as Metzger's opponent is Rabbi Shlomo Dichovsky, a member of the Rabbinical Court of Appeals. Dichovsky is a lecturer at the Tel Aviv University Law Faculty and it was he who was mentioned when Supreme Court President Aharon Barak suggested appointing a leading rabbinical figure as a Supreme Court justice.

Meanwhile, although the preparations for the election began before Halevy's death, Shas now wants the elections for the two Tel Aviv chief rabbis to be held simultaneously. As one religious commentator remarked, it is likely that Shas will get whatever it wants in the religious

sphere.

However, Halberstam characterized the entire struggle for the position of city rabbi as paradoxical. Few members of the religious public turn to the rabbi holding the post in matters of halacha, the secular public has no interest in him and unless he represents their particular circle, the haredim ignore him.

At best, Halberstam said, if the rabbi is a moral person who does not try to impose his will, a true lover of humankind, then he can provide spiritual leadership. However, he added, the political infighting that has surrounded election of the city chief rabbis has caused many leading rabbis to avoid entering the fray.

Ideally, he added, it should be those who seem to have the least interest in who is elected, the members of the secular public, who should decide what kind of a figure they want. At present, he noted, the secular public is only interested in the political aspects of the race for chief rabbi.

"We have to have a non-political body discuss whether we want a city rabbi at all and then decide what it is that we want of him," Halberstam said.

WZO comptroller cites problems with Central Zionist Archives, JNF

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Insufficient insurance and slow computerization of the Central Zionist Archives, problems with the selection procedure and the longevity of some Jewish National Fund emissaries were among criticisms leveled in this year's report of the World Zionist Organization Comptroller.

The report is being presented to the Zionist General Council, considered the "parliament" of the WZO, which meets annually between Zionist Congresses and is beginning its deliberations in Jerusalem this evening.

The report found most of the material in the Central Zionist Archives, the historical archives of the Zionist Movement, are insured only against fire damage and not break-in, theft and natural damage, with the exception of Theodor Herzl's writings.

Insurance, roughly two million

dollars, has remained unchanged over 10 years, despite the significant growth of the collection, the report found.

The comptroller noted that a lapse of over two years between the first decision to computerize the archives and the appointment of a supervisor to oversee the process greatly delayed the computerization process.

The comptroller also proposed that that archive should prepare to absorb electronic medium material, including e-mail, for preservation.

Zionist Executive Chairman Avraham Burg responded that a comprehensive computer system is in the works which will also offer scanning services of archival material for millions of documents.

Regarding Jewish National Fund emissaries, the comptroller found that the selection system relied on candidate's own state-

ments regarding their educations. Opinions of selection committees were not always filed, and personal files did not always turn up confirmation of training.

Some emissaries have been abroad so long they are considered yordim (emigrants). "It should be recalled that apart from fundraising, Keren Kayemeth L'Israel is part of the Zionist Movement," the comptroller wrote, adding: "Such long term emissary work, sometimes resulting in the emigration of the emissary from Israel, does not sit well with the Zionist role of the Keren Kayemeth L'Israel."

For the nostalgic, the comptroller noted that income from the use of the "Blue Box," which for years was the symbol of fundraising for the JNF, is now "minimal."

The report also examined the performance of the WZO's Settlement Division, recommending various administrative changes to improve its performance.

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"It is amazing to see a relatively small village having 10-15 lists competing for a handful of council seats," said Reikhes.

He cited a few examples. The 8,600 eligible voters in Arraba in the Galilee can choose from four candidates for council head and no less than 14 lists competing for seats on the council.

In Majdal Krum, near Karmiel, the four candidates are running for the top job and 13 lists are competing for the 11 council seats. The number of eligible voters - 5,500. Kfar Yasif, in Western Galilee, boasts no less than seven candidates for council head, with 11 lists seeking the support of the 4,700 eligible voters for the 11 council seats.

Perhaps the most glaring example of fragmentation, however, is in the small Triangle village of Jaljulya, where 3,363 eligible voters have the unenviable task of trying to decide among three candidates for council head and 16 lists for the local council.

Nazareth

An exception to this norm is Nazareth, which with a population

of over 50,000 composed of approximately two-thirds Moslems and the remainder Christians, is the biggest Arab city in the country.

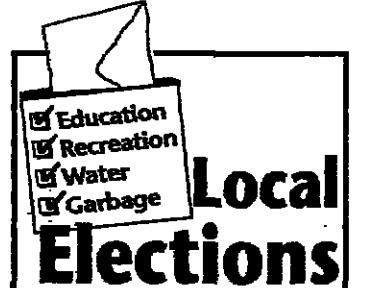
Here the independent clan lists are taking a backseat to the main parties - Hadash and the Islamic Movement.

The Moslem fundamentalist organization - which since 1989 has established a stronghold in the Triangle, especially Umm el-Fahm, Kfar Kassem, and nearby villages - is mounting a major bid to wrest control of Nazareth from Hadash, which has held the reins of power there for the past 23 years.

The two main candidates are incumbent Mayor Ramez Jeraisi, a Christian, who replaced the late mayor and former MK Tawfik Ziad, and the Islamic Movement's Salman Abu Ahmed.

Abu Ahmed, an engineer and head of the movement's political department, is leading the United Nazareth Bloc list, which has the support of Abdul Wahab Darawshi's Democratic Arab Party and other factions and groups in the city. It is one of just five lists running for the city council, including Hadash which currently holds 11 of the 21 seats.

The Islamic Movement's local election campaign in general and that in Nazareth in particular is



being helped and strengthened by efforts of newly elected leader Sheikh Ibrahim Sarsur to heal the rift that occurred in the organization in 1996.

Sarsur, who is not seeking reelection as head of Kfar Kassem Local Council after 10 years at the helm, represents the pragmatic faction espoused by the movement's spiritual leader Sheikh Abdallah Nimr Darweesh.

Upon his election as head of the movement two months ago, he immediately made contact with Umm el-Fahm Mayor Sheikh Raed Salah, who heads the more dogmatic and radical branch.

"We have begun the first steps on the road to reconciliation and within a month or so, we will come to the Arab public and announce at a press conference that the Islamic Movement is reunited," Sarsur told

The Jerusalem Post. "The split was not over ideological issues but personal conflicts, and since my election I think those obstacles have been removed. Nobody believed in the split and nobody wanted it to continue forever."

Sarsur said the process of reunification is helping to strengthen the movement and that he and Salah are working together to assist in local campaigns throughout the country.

"This has shed a positive light on the way we are organizing our campaign, from the Galilee to the Negev, and especially those places which in our opinion are very important, such as Nazareth. Nazareth deserves a new leadership that will represent all the residents of the city and push forward projects and development in all fields."

"I believe, as I think do the majority of residents, that the present leadership is a passive one which is not doing the necessary things for the sake of Nazareth, but which only serves the interests of its party. There are whole suburbs, mainly in the Moslem areas, which have been completely neglected and forgotten in terms of municipal services."

"I am not calling for what they [Hadash] describe as tribal or reli-

gious conflicts, but it should be known that the Christians, who compose about a third of the population, have unfortunately supported the Communist [Hadash] Party since 1975 without looking at why



Sheikh Abdallah Nimr Darwish (Ariel Jerolimski)

they support it and without looking at the interests of Nazareth as a whole."

Sarsur described as a great "bluff" allegations that an Islamic Movement takeover of the city would lead to tension between Christians and Moslems.

"The first step by Abu Ahmed when he decided to run was to

make direct contact with nine Christian leaders in Nazareth. He asked them to be an integral part of the list and to contribute to the change. Unfortunately those contacts came to a dead end, which means Christians don't want to cooperate with their Moslem brothers for the sake of Nazareth," Sarsur added.

But Hadash secretary-general Mohammed Baraky is optimistic that his party will retain the mayoralty of Nazareth and a majority on the City Council, despite what he described as the "aggressive" campaign mounted by the Islamic Movement.

"Our activists there are working in a balanced, orderly, and professional manner. Every local rally becomes a big one. As regards the claims that some districts have been neglected, it is simply not true," said Baraky.

Hadash is currently the largest single party in the forum of Arab council heads. It holds 13 councils, including Nazareth, Arraba, Deir Hanna, Kfar Yasif, J'dideh/Makr, and others, especially in the Galilee.

Baraky is convinced, that these elections will be a positive turning point for the party, which is campaigning on issues relating to its "good local government record,"

democratic principles and social matters, religious-secular tolerance, the rights of workers, and equality of the sexes.

"One of the party's slogans is that 'Fundamentalism is good for God, but our homeland is for everyone.' Hadash is also trying to fight against the resurgence of the hamula system."

"We are not fighting religion, but against its exploitation for political purposes. People who are independent of hamula influences and religious indoctrination identify with our message. In fact most of our activists are themselves religious," said Baraky.

The party is fielding 25 mayoral candidates and 45 council lists, and is running in cooperation with other factions and groups.

"The composition of our lists is not based on one hamula, one religious faith, or one ethnic group. We ensure that our lists are representative of the population, including women."

Furthermore, in the absence of Arabs being able to attain decision-making roles, we see the councils as political power bases from which to fight, in a democratic manner, against government neglect and discrimination," Baraky said.

Tomorrow: The Russian lists.

Peace in 10 years

Says one sarcastic observer whose view seems typical, "The Clinton White House is a strategy-free zone." There are, though, two basic commitments for the future.

First, the United States will convene a donors meeting to discuss future aid to the Palestinian Authority (PA) as original funding promises made in late 1993 near culmination. It will be interesting to see whether the proportions of money offered by donor states change much from the past. For example, will Arab aid to the PA expand from its current chicanery or become even more ungenerous?

Second, the Clinton Administration envisions another Wye-style summit next April to head off any unilateral declaration of independence by the PA and to push toward a final-status agreement.

This approach would draw the United States even more into the center of negotiations. But the timing will have to be set with regard both to Passover and a major NATO meeting set for October. Of course, long before that point there will have to be progress on implementing the deal already made. The CIA, or rather the US government, is now the referee — determining not only whether the PA is complying with its commitments, but also defining what constitutes that compliance.

At the end of his beautifully crafted speech at the memorial for prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, Ambassador Zalman Shoval put an unintentional twist on the occasion. He recalled an anecdote in which a high-ranking US official insisted that Rabin make concessions regarding Israel's nuclear arsenal in order to receive more American fighter planes. Israel would not be willing to cede its sovereignty, quoted Shoval, even for 50 planes.

In the aftermath of the Wye agreement, listeners could not help but wonder, hadn't Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ceded Israel's freedom of choice in the peace process?

After all, let's say that the CIA gives the PA a high score on compliance. Could an Israeli government really reject the US report and insist it would make no more concessions because the PA had not done its best to fight terrorism?

If, as seems likely, the CIA would merely gather the facts and perhaps leave interpretation to its political masters, the US conclusion is certain to be more favorable

other words, future stalling or skepticism could bring a confrontation with the US guarantor of the process.

After speaking to pre-Wye audiences that were almost universally doubtful that talks would succeed after an identical experience two years ago before the Hebron agreement, I've come to understand three important points about American, European, and sometimes Israeli misunderstandings of this peace process.

• Most people abroad view the peace process as far more fragile than it is in reality. The current negotiations are the result of strong trends of over 50 years of regional history. Neither side wanted to walk away from the negotiations despite all the difficulties and disputes involved. Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat must both maintain peace and progress, at least the minimal advances needed to keep the process alive. Arguing that the process's survival is dependent on a window of opportunity or specific individuals misses this point.

• Neither Israeli nor Palestinian positions are frozen. If Netanyahu had been told five years ago what he would do at Wye, he would have committed himself to a rest home. Similarly, Arafat probably never imagined that he would launch such a tough crackdown against Hamas. Today, Israel's government is already offering a form of Palestinian state, albeit with various limitations. Experiences and altered situations are creating new views and acceptable solutions. At least in its tone, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon's first letter to his foreign counterparts could have been written by Shimon Peres.

• The West is more eager for speed, and more worried about the slow pace, than the direct participants. After all, Europeans and Americans just want to feel good knowing that some kind of agreement has been achieved.

But Israelis and Palestinians worry about the details since they will live with them for a long time to come. Of course, the leaders are also playing to their domestic audiences to show they are bargaining as toughly as possible and making no unnecessary concessions.

Still, the American negotiating team may have a realistic assessment of the extent of the work ahead. Congratulated on the successful meeting at Wye, the most astute US official smiled and replied, "Give us 10 years and we'll solve all these issues."

The Region



Barry Rubin

Schroeder starts off with foreign focus

Though his campaign focused on jobs and the economy, the new German chancellor and his foreign minister have been busy meeting and greeting their peers abroad.

By WILLIAM DROZDZAK

BERLIN — During his election campaign, Gerhard Schroeder unabashedly stole a page from US President Bill Clinton's book and vowed he would focus like a laser beam on the economy. Even after he ousted Helmut Kohl in September's elections, the new German chancellor declared his government would stand or fall on its record in creating jobs.

But since his election, Schroeder has wasted little time in embarking on an extensive series of foreign trips with the ostensible goal of reassuring his foreign counterparts that he plans no radical departures from the Kohl era.

After visiting Paris and Washington within days of his election, Schroeder traveled this week to Britain to meet with Prime Minister Tony Blair on his first official trip as chancellor.

Later this week, he will go to the Netherlands and Poland, to be followed by a working visit to Moscow and an appearance at a Baltic regional conference.

The hectic itinerary for a Social Democratic politician with little background or interest in foreign affairs was conceived by Schroeder's advisers as a way to demonstrate his desire to sustain friendly ties with Germany's main allies and its nine immediate neighbors.

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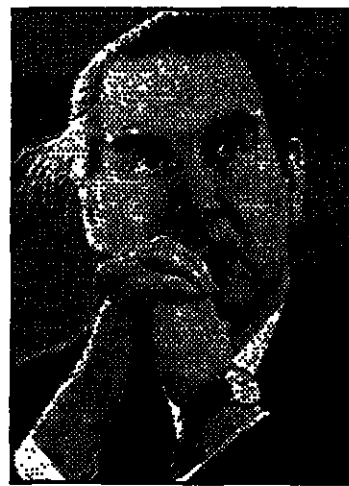
Senior officials acknowledge the whirlwind tour also was designed to quell any anxieties abroad about Schroeder after 16 years of a Kohl-led Germany.

Schroeder's lack of previous involvement in world affairs, foreign diplomats say, is compounded by the inexperience of his foreign minister, Joschka Fischer, leader of the environmentalist Greens party, the Social Democrats' coalition partner.

"The learning curve of these two fellows could be long and slow," a senior US official said. "It will be very different than the days of Kohl, Schmidt and Brandt." He was referring to Kohl's predecessors as chancellor, Helmut Schmidt and Willy Brandt.

Recognizing that Germany's allies may be worried by the Greens' pacifist and anti-nuclear roots, Fischer has decided to build up trust with his new peers. He plans to meet this week in Washington with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, then travel to New York to see UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Fischer passed his baptism of fire by managing to skirt a potential dispute with London and Paris over whether Germany will accord upgraded status to Britain that could rival its close partnership with France.



Gerhard Schroeder

"Whether you talk of an axis with France or a triangle with Britain, this snacks of 19th-century nationalism that has no place in today's Europe," Fischer said.

A former taxi driver and self-described street revolutionary, Fischer insists he will conduct foreign policy based on German and European interests, not the political ideals of the Greens.

He has retained Wolfgang Ischinger and Hans-Friedrich von Ploetz, two senior diplomats, as his top counselors and plans to appoint Karsten Voigt, a Social Democrat respected for his expertise in secu-

rity issues, as Germany's next ambassador to the United States.

SCHROEDER and Fischer say they would prefer to see Germany channel its influence through multilateral institutions, such as NATO and the European Union.

But after only a week in office, some new accents suggest that a government run by the Social Democrats and Greens is likely to make significant course corrections in key foreign and security policies.

During a trip to London last week, Fischer emphasized that he intends to make human rights more of a trademark in Germany's foreign policy. He minced no words in endorsing the extradition to Spain of Chile's former president, retired Gen. Augusto Pinochet, to stand trial on torture charges, even after a British court voided his arrest in London.

The Social Democrats and the Greens have long supported ambitious disarmament proposals that may cause friction with the US.

As NATO embarks on a major strategy review, many critics of nuclear weapons expect the new German government to argue in favor of "no-first-use" pledges and other initiatives to wean the alliance from its dependence on nuclear weapons as a strategic deterrent.

While Germany joined other

NATO states in approving air strikes against Yugoslavia unless it halted a crackdown on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo province, senior German officials said any new crisis would require a reappraisal of whether such attacks could be launched without the explicit approval of the UN Security Council.

Schroeder's government also has served notice that it wants to achieve major reforms in global financial markets to prevent risky lending practices and disruptive capital flows.

Germany's newfound desire to use state powers to rein in global markets has prompted some chagrin within the Clinton administration, which has been skeptical about interfering with the markets.

But the Germans already have lined up substantial backing for their ideas from Britain, France, Italy, Canada and Japan — the other members of the Group of Seven industrial democracies — whose rotating leadership will pass to Germany next year.

With the introduction of the single European currency in January, aides say Schroeder and Oskar Lafontaine, his ambitious finance minister, are seeking a dramatic overhaul of the world monetary system as the centerpiece for a G-7 summit to be held in Cologne next June. (The Washington Post)

Jefferson's paternity of mixed-race child is proved

By ROBERT LEE NOTZ

Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and third president of the United States, almost certainly fathered a child with a slave-mistress at his Monticello plantation, scientists who analyzed genetic material collected from his living descendants have concluded.

The new evidence, made public last weekend, sheds the first reliable scientific light on an unusually emotional controversy over paternity that has simmered for almost two centuries.

The matter of Jefferson's long relationship with a mixed-race slave named Sally Hemmings is of more than scholarly interest. As embodied in his hundreds of white and unacknowledged descendants, several historians said, Jefferson's divided family tree today personifies troubling matters of race, slavery, sexuality and hypocrisy that root in the earliest events of the country Jefferson helped to found.

The new research reveals, within the limits of scientific certainty, that Jefferson enslaved the mother of his children and the offspring she bore him. To complicate matters, historians generally agree that Sally Hemmings was the mixed-race half-sister of Jefferson's wife.

"This is quite stunning news... very shocking," said University of California, Los Angeles historian Joyce Appleby, an expert on the Jeffersonian era and a past president of the American Historical Association.

Jefferson met the 14-year-old Hemmings in 1786 in Paris, where she was a house slave who took care of his youngest daughter. Rumors over Jefferson's relationship with

Hemmings, who eventually bore at least five children, arose as early as 1802 — in the second year of his presidency.

During his lifetime, Jefferson never confirmed or explicitly denied allegations that he had fathered several children with her in the years after his wife's death in 1782. There is nothing in the historical record that proves the relationship existed or, if it did, whether it was forced or consensual.

In the generations since, historians have argued passionately over whether the red-headed Virginian who embodied so many of the best qualities of the new nation also encompassed perhaps its worst as well.

He was a slave owner who early in his career tried to abolish slavery. Even so, he freed few of his own slaves while other major slaveholders in Virginia freed thousands during the same period. He was an inspirational revolutionary who believed fervently in the equality of all men, but who also held that blacks and whites were separate peoples.

To settle a question that generations of historical debate has not, retired pathologist Eugene Foster in Charlottesville, Va., recently gathered DNA samples from Jefferson's known white descendants and from a group of blacks whom many believe also descended from Jefferson.

Foster collected samples from 13 black and white descendants, as well as a control group, coding them with random numbers to ensure that laboratory technicians would not know the source of each DNA sample. Because Jefferson had no surviving sons, Foster collected material from the male descendants of Jefferson's

brother, with whom he would have shared the same Y-chromosome inherited from their father.

So cautious was Foster that he hand-carried the material to England for the genetic analysis rather than check them with his other baggage. "That suitcase was never out of my sight, not ever, ever," he said.

Through analyzing genetic variations in the Y-chromosome, which is inherited largely unchanged through the male line, geneticists at Oxford University, the University of Leicester in England and Leiden University in the Netherlands determined to their satisfaction that Jefferson was the father of Sally Hemmings' last son — Eston Hemmings Jefferson.

The researchers looked at variations in 19 locations along the Y-chromosome and found that Jefferson's genetic characteristics were quite rare. Indeed, a comparison with a sample of 670 Europeans and 1,200 people worldwide turned up no matches, the scientists said.

Jefferson's genetic makeup matched perfectly, however, with Eston's male descendant.

The researchers were able conclusively to eliminate the possibility that one of Jefferson's maternal nephews might have fathered the children, as some historians have suggested. At the same time, they also ruled out the possibility that Jefferson fathered Hemmings' oldest son, Thomas Woodson, who many had considered the most likely child of the union.

"A lot of very careful work went into this. We knew there would be all kinds of questions and controversy," he said. "I suppose there will be some people who will be angry." However,

"I do believe it is close to the first piece of objective evidence that has been brought to bear on the controversy," Foster said.

A formal research paper is to be published this week in the journal *Nature*.

"It certainly provides very compelling evidence that Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings did indeed have a sexual liaison that produced at least one or more children," said Eric S. Lander, director of the Center for Genome Research at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass., who has reviewed the scientific findings.

Without question, the research will make a deep national impression, several historians said, because Jefferson is nothing less than an American icon. His profile is carved in Mount Rushmore. His face is stamped on every nickel and printed on every \$2 bill. His marble memorial on the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C., is a destination for visitors by the millions every year who stop to contemplate his personal and political legacy.

"If America is going to deal with the horribly difficult problem of race relations, we have to start by coming face to face with our past, and Jefferson is a big part of that past," said constitutional scholar Paul Finkelman at University of Akron School of Law, author of "Slavery and the Founders: Race and Liberty in the Age of Jefferson." (Optional add end) Certainly, Jefferson was in public vehemently opposed to miscegenation, and his

attitudes toward slavery in many ways reflected the ambivalence of the country's founding fathers about racial matters.

"I think (the research) just increases our sense of how deeply puzzled, perplexed and troubled he was about slavery," said Appleby, who studies Jefferson's political role in America and his career as a statesman. "What is so interesting is how deep the vicious tentacles of slavery sank into this man." It is well documented that he benefited from slave labor and never hesitated to sell his slaves to support his lifestyle. "When he needed another case of Bordeaux, another shipment of books, more paintings from France or any of the many other luxuries he could not live without, Jefferson simply sent someone's son or daughter off to the slave market," Finkelman said.

Yet Jefferson's misgivings about slavery were so strong and his perception of its pernicious effects so clear that he wrote in 1787, not too long after he met Hemmings: "The whole commerce between master and slave is a perpetual exercise of the most boisterous passions, the most unremitting despotism on the one part, and degrading submission on the other. Our children see this, and learn to imitate it; for man is an imitative animal.... The man must be a prodigy who can retain his manners and morals undepraved by such circumstances.... I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever." (Los Angeles Times)

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Strategies shift, Democrats fare well

By TERENCE HUNT

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democrats' surprising showing in Tuesday's House and Senate races left Republicans rethinking their strategy and strengthened President Bill Clinton's hand in his struggle against impeachment.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich saw his predictions of big Republican gains in the election blown away. "We have to look carefully at what happened and at what lessons Republicans have to learn," Gingrich said.

Gingrich rejected the suggestion, pushed by Democrats, that the voters sent a message against impeachment.

He said Republicans are not about to "take a major constitutional duty and reduce it to the level of who can spin best."

Presidential press secretary Joe Lockhart said that when the 106th Congress convenes in January, "the atmosphere should be more positive" toward issues Clinton has pushed — school construction, Social Security and health insurance reforms.

In an election in which all but six of 401 House incumbents were returned, the GOP retained control of Congress, its third majority in a row. But the Republicans' already slim margin was trimmed. In the Senate, with only Nevada's race still undecided, the Republicans had made no headway. Republicans also lost their hold on governors' seats in California and four other states, but nearly offset that by picking up four new governorships.

Democrats are back, back very strong," gloated Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, the general chairman of the party. His interpretation of the Republican setbacks: "It's clear that they had abandoned that moderate middle ground and left it for Democrats."

Some Republicans groused that their party had neglected issues most important to the country or miscalculated by focusing too much on Clinton and his affair with Monica Lewinsky. "If you make it a referendum on a president with a 67 percent approval rating, you shouldn't be surprised if the election goes against you," Republican Gov. Tom Ridge said



Victorious Texas Gov. George W. Bush (right) is greeted by his brother Neil, as he and his wife Laura watch election returns in Austin Tuesday. (AP)

as he coasted to reelection in Pennsylvania.

Millionaire publisher Steve Forbes, angling for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, said the GOP leadership "will have a lot to answer for."

Influential conservative Christian broadcaster James Dobson said Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott must be held

accountable for Republican losses, a result, he said, of their ignoring issues pushed by conservatives and caving in to Clinton on the budget.

"When the team is losing you get rid of the coach," he said in a telephone interview.

At a post-mortem, Gingrich dismissed such criticism as typically coming from "people who would in fact take the party to a narrower

base with fewer members."

Democrats also said voters focused on issues, not Clinton's troubles.

"The message all over the country is that they want us to get back to work on the people's business," said Vice President Al Gore.

Democratic House leader Richard Gephardt said Democrats made gains by concentrating on "the

kitchen table, everyday issues," while Republicans "spent a lot of time on this impeachment investigation and 40 or 50 other investigations they carried on endlessly."

And Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle said the election would deflate the House impeachment inquiry, scheduled to start soon.

In the House, where Gingrich once talked of adding 30-40 GOP seats, the Republicans lost five, dropping from 228 to 223. Democrats, who now hold 206 seats, had won 210 and were leading in one more, in Oregon. The House's lone independent, Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont, was reelected.

In the Senate, it appeared Republicans would hold their 55-45 advantage.

Election Day's most unusual outcome was the upset victory by former professional wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura as governor of Minnesota, running under the Reform Party banner.

Republican brothers Jeb and George W. Bush won the governorships in Florida and Texas, respectively.

But Democrat Gray Davis won the plum governorship prize, California, ending 16 years of GOP control and leaving the Democrats in good position to add seats in Congress after redistricting based on the 2000 census.

Democrats also defeated Republican governors in Alabama and South Carolina, and picked up Iowa, to hold steady with 17 governorships. The GOP, in turn, took over Nebraska, Nevada and Colorado from the Democrats but lost their hold on Minnesota to Ventura. There will be 31 Republican governors and two independents.

The first black woman ever elected to the Senate, Democrat Carol Moseley-Braun, was defeated in Illinois by wealthy State Sen. Peter Fitzgerald.

Democrats defied the trend since World War II that the party controlling the White House loses an average of 27 House seats and four Senate seats in midterm elections.

As expected, voter turnout nationwide was light, about 58 percent — a fraction below 58.8 percent turnout at the last midterm election in 1994.

WORLD

in brief

US seeks ally support on Iraq

KUWAIT (Reuters) — US Defense Secretary William Cohen tried yesterday to whip up support among America's Gulf allies over a new crisis with Iraq, but Baghdad newspapers thundered defiance in the face of possible military attack.

British Defense Secretary George Robertson, who agreed on Tuesday in London with Cohen that force is an option and told Iraq to back off, said yesterday the crisis is grave.

On his crisis mission to rally support, Cohen left Saudi Arabia "confident the US will have the support it needs to take appropriate action."

At the UN, there was general support for a British resolution condemning Saturday's decision to suspend cooperation with inspectors as a "flagrant violation" of a 1991 resolution that set disarmament rules after the Gulf War.

Minnesota elects "The Body" as governor

Jesse "The Body" Ventura — pro wrestler, Navy SEAL and radio shock jock — won a three-way race for governor of Minnesota Tuesday night, delivering a harsh body blow to the political pros. He would be the nation's first governor to have his own action figure doll.

From out of nowhere, Ventura, a 6-foot-4, Porsche-driving populist, running under the Reform Party banner, left St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman (R) and political scion Hubert H. Humphrey III (D), the state attorney general and son of the late vice president, bleeding on the mat.

Campaigning with little money for television ads but plenty of name recognition thanks to his wrestling, movie and talk radio careers, "The Body" at first had seemed not to take his own candidacy seriously. *Washington Post*

Democrat elected as first lesbian in House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wisconsin voters elected the first openly gay woman member of Congress Tuesday.

In Wisconsin's 2nd District, Democratic state Rep. Tammy Baldwin defeated Republican Josephine Musser, the former state insurance commissioner, to replace retiring GOP Rep. Scott Klug. Baldwin, 36, made health care a cornerstone of her campaign, saying the United States should adopt a national, publicly funded system like that in Canada.

Yoko Ono: Linda McCartney and I were friends

LIVERPOOL (AP) — Beatle wives Yoko Ono and Linda McCartney liked each other. Really.

So says Ono, anyway. In a newspaper interview published yesterday, John Lennon's widow dismissed the commonly held belief that she and McCartney, who died of breast cancer in April, didn't care for one another. "People always portrayed us as enemies, like two boxers on opposite sides of the ring, but of course it was never really like that," Ono was quoted as saying in the *Liverpool Echo*. "In later life especially, we became friends. We had an understanding of each other. We had both married Beatles and we knew what that was like."

Clinton encouraged by Democratic gains

By SANDRA SOBERAJ

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pleased and encouraged, President Bill Clinton tracked election returns into the wee morning hours and celebrated the election as a victory for issues over investigations. He planned a work session on Social Security to make the point:

"There's a positive message for all political leaders that voters respond to future-oriented, positive messages about issues that affect their daily lives," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said yesterday.

"Americans had a choice, and they chose progress over partisanship," said Vice President Al Gore.

Lockhart described Clinton as upbeat and very pleased. "There were some formidable historical precedents working against us as well as a huge financial advantage for Republicans... but Democrats more than held their own," he said.

To lend his own emphasis to this message, Clinton invited reporters to the start of an afternoon meeting with his top economic advisers. He wanted "to get back to work on developing a long-term solution for the viability of Social

Security... and the president wanted to get on this immediately," Lockhart said.

Clinton spent much of election night in White House Chief of Staff John Podesta's office, grinning over the shoulder of political director Craig Smith who surfed the Internet for early returns and exit-poll data. Clinton made dozens of congratulatory telephone calls to victorious Democrats.

White House aides gleefully pointed out that historically, a sixth-year incumbent in the White House could expect to see his party lose House and Senate seats. Under Clinton, Democrats actually gained House seats this year and the White House hoped that turnaround would make Republicans more inclined to cooperate with Clinton's legislative priorities in his remaining two years as president.

"If anything the atmosphere should be more positive," Lockhart said, adding that Clinton was especially encouraged by the South Carolina and Alabama governors' races, where the winning Democrats' campaigns echoed his own call for increased education investments.

Pressed to say whether other key victories took the steam out of the Republicans' planned impeachment proceedings in the Monica

Lewinsky affair, Lockhart said: "That's a question to ask the Republicans."

Interviews with voters leaving the polls offered a mixed message for Clinton. Six in 10 said Congress should drop the whole Lewinsky matter without even holding hearings, and about one-third thought Clinton should be impeached and removed from office.

Overall, a solid majority approved of the job he was doing.

At the same time, just over half said Clinton's ability to lead the nation had been hurt by the Lewinsky matter, according to exit polls conducted by Voter News Service for the Associated Press and five television networks. But Clinton, his wife, Hillary, and Gore, whose campaign-trail mantra was "We say legislate; they say investigate," found some personal vindication for the huge chunk of personal capital invested in this election. All told, the three made 409 campaign appearances for Democrats around the country.

"I think the president and all the principals here feel that when you go out and talk about issues that are important to real people's lives, voters will respond to that," Lockhart said.

D'Amato loses 'nasty' NY senate race

By MARLYN HENRY

NEW YORK — Al D'Amato's 18-year career as a New York senator ended one hour before midnight on Tuesday, when he conceded defeat to Charles Schumer, a liberal Jewish Democrat from Brooklyn who trounced D'Amato in the pivotal Jewish vote.

With 85 percent of the ballots counted, Schumer, a nine-term congressman, had 2,059 million votes, or about 55 percent of the vote. According to exit polls, Schumer won some 75 percent of the Jewish vote.

D'Amato's defeat was also seen as a rout for Arthur Finkelstein, his long-time conservative political consultant who also has advised Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Finkelstein is believed to have set the street-brawl tone of the New York campaign, considered one of the nastiest of the American election season.

In other New York races, Republican Governor George Pataki and Democratic State Controller Carl McCall, both friendly to Israel, were easily reelected.

Jay Severin, a Republican Party consultant, said the upset in the Senate race — one of the most closely watched campaigns in the US — "has so much to do with Chuck Schumer denying Al D'Amato support in the Jewish community." In 1992, D'Amato got 40 percent of the Jewish vote against his then Democratic challenger, Bob Abrams, the Jewish state attorney-general.

Until the polls closed on Tuesday night, the race had been a dead heat. But the key event apparently occurred two weeks before the election, when word leaked that D'Amato, in a private meeting with Jewish Republicans, called his opponent a "putz-head." At first he denied making the remark.

Schumer made the denial and

the remark itself a prominent campaign issue, and demanded an apology for the slur, a Yiddish term that means "dick-head."

"That [putz-head] episode reminded Jews that Chuck Schumer is family," Severin told *The New York Post*. "The Jews said, 'We love Al, but he's not family. He's adopted.'" In addition to grabbing Jewish votes, Schumer also won the support of black, Hispanic, and women voters.

D'Amato's concession speech was delayed by 25 minutes when he and 10 aides were trapped in an elevator between the 44th and 45th floors of the New York Hilton. A D'Amato supporter, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, dispatched an emergency service squad to free them.

"When they tell you you should only put six people in an elevator, you should listen to them," the senator said when he was reunited with his supporters in the hotel ballroom.

Honduras appeals for international aid for storm's victims

By KEN GUGGENHEIM

TRUJILLO (AP) — With 7,000 people feared dead in Honduras alone, the government appealed yesterday for aid, and rescue workers warned of starvation and illness if the country's shattered bridges and washed-out roads are not quickly rebuilt.

Hurricane Mitch, which killed an estimated 9,000 people throughout Central America, has turned Honduras' largest cities into virtual islands accessible only by air.

Transportation also remains difficult in neighboring Nicaragua, where despair over the lack of food and water prompted a crowd to hurl insults at their president Tuesday.

Mitch moved over the Yucatan peninsula late Tuesday and was forecast to head toward Florida later this week, although its 72 kph winds were but a shadow of the 300 kph gusts last week. Forecasters said they did not expect it to regain hurricane strength.

The scope of the disaster across Central America overwhelmed relief efforts.

Up to 1,950 people were believed killed near Leon in Nicaragua when a mudslide

cano after days of torrential rains.

Preliminary estimates indicate that 7,000 people died in Honduras — a number that could rise as more reports from isolated areas come in. Col. Rene Osorio of the national emergency commission said.

In addition, he said 11,100 people were missing and 1 million were homeless.

The Honduran and Nicaraguan ambassadors to the US said Tuesday that at least 70 percent of the infrastructure in their countries was destroyed. Roads, bridges, telephone lines and almost every other means of communication have been wiped out by flooding and mudslides. Chaos reigned in northern Nicaragua, where a mudslide Friday from the Casitas volcano buried hundreds of people under tons of mud and rocks.

Rescuers saw four men buried up to their chests screaming for help late Monday on the slopes of Casitas, where bodies dotted wide fields of mud. The rescuers could not reach the men — blocked by 200 meters of quaking, unstable mud. El Salvador reported 225 dead, 135 missing and 50,000 homeless. Six people died in Mexico and 31 were missing from a schooner in the Caribbean.

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Intolerable racism

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's comment Tuesday that he "will make sure that nothing involves Israel's security interests - no crucial national decisions - will be carried out without a Zionist majority" proves, once again, that the country's leadership still hasn't fully grasped what a state that is both Jewish and democratic means. Netanyahu's statement literally means that the vote of an Arab counts for less than the vote of a Jew. This is intolerable in a modern democratic country.

It is all the more impudent given the context in which it was said. On Monday, the first reading of the government's budget proposal for 1999 - which was also a vote of confidence, at the government's request - passed in the Knesset only because four Democratic Arab Party MKs walked out of the plenum during the vote. The budget passed the reading by a majority of a single vote, leaving Netanyahu open to charges that he was relying on Arab votes in order to remain in office. These charges, reminiscent of claims the Likud made against the previous Labor government for its reliance on outside Arab support for its coalition, left Netanyahu feeling exposed on his right flank, prompting his remarks. These remarks, it will be noted, did not prevent him from fully enjoying his parliamentary victory in the budget vote.

Nor did coalition whip Meir Sheerit fare any better in his sometimes confused explanations of the situation. He started off by hody denying that any deal was struck with Darawshe in which he was promised a cabinet portfolio - the idea of an Arab Israeli serving as a cabinet minister, which has never happened in Israel's 50 years of existence, is apparently still a very powerful taboo. Sheerit, an avid supporter of the Wye Memorandum, further argued that there is "a significant difference between what happened under the Labor government and the case here. This indeed was not a vote on a vital security matter, but on the budget, and the DAP did not actually vote with the government." In other words, the Likud should not be tainted with the claim that, heaven forbid, it depends on Arab votes on important issues. Trying to have his cake and eat it, too, Sheerit then tried to counter his own statement and sound like a liberal democrat by saying that, "even if the vote was on a different issue, I see no reason to differentiate between a Jewish and an Arab MK."

Apparently, the basic facts need to be repeated again: Israel is a modern democratic nation, which since its inception at the reading of its Declaration of Independence has promised

equal rights to all its citizens and enshrined these rights in law. The Arab sector of the country comprises about 20% of the population, a not insignificant number. It is routinely discriminated against and under-funded, despite the law, its size, and numerous promises to correct this situation - including one made by Netanyahu shortly after his election, when he stated that an Arab schoolchild should have exactly the same opportunities as those of his own son.

There are practical reasons for Israel to uphold the fully equal rights of its Arab minority. The decades of neglect and discrimination have bred discontent among our Arab citizens, even among those who once not only accepted the Jewish majority but also joined in building and defending the state. The feelings of anger at the discrimination they suffer can dangerously spill into violent demonstrations, as witnessed in the recent events in Wadi Ara.

But even beyond these practical arguments, being a "Jewish and democratic" state requires upholding the Arab minority's full, democratic rights, including the principles of "one person, one vote" and "majority rule." Failure to allow Arab MKs to participate and have their votes count just as much as Jewish MKs, even if their votes make the difference in establishing the parliamentary majority in various issues, would turn Israel into exactly the sort of non-enlightened and discriminatory state that the founding fathers of the country fled from.

That having been said, it is legitimate to demand that the political discourse be free from foreign influences, and to strive for a clear and large majority on vital issues. There have been rumors recently that the DAP is being guided in its decisions by directives emanating from the PLO. If true, this would constitute unacceptable foreign meddling in the Israel's internal politics, and Israel, as every other country, has the right to be on guard against such intolerable actions. On votes involving matters of vital and existential concern, such as those involving the future borders of the state and treaties with neighboring countries, it is far preferable to avoid one-vote majorities, which tend only to intensify public divisiveness.

It would then be legitimate for the coalition to speak about striving to attain a wide and clear majority, and even to question the wisdom of relying on a narrow majority. But at no point should such concerns slide into racist remarks about individuals who are full citizens of the state. No democratic state, including Israel, can permit such discrimination.

What's at stake

AARON LERNER

Politicians are, well, politicians. And no one expects them not to try to embellish their achievements at Wye.

But Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, with the assistance of cabinet secretary Dan Naveh, has gone far beyond that. Even more troubling has been their response to the well-justified criticism which has been directed at them from across the political spectrum.

Charter" which they committed themselves to do over five years ago (Naveh Paragraph 7.H.1.).

The agreement projects a meeting of "the members of the PNC, as well as the members of the Central Council, the Council, and the Palestinian Heads of Ministries" at which those attending the meeting will "reaffirm their support" for Arafat's letter to Clinton which lists which provisions of the

Netanyahu and Naveh sound like a pair of shifty promoters caught trying to palm off property with deceptive brochures. Is this sound government?

Last Saturday night, Naveh sent a memo to the cabinet describing the Wye Memorandum which was signed the day before in Washington along with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's side letter.

Naveh's memo grossly distorts what was actually written in the Wye Memorandum (WM).

So much so that this Tuesday, in an unprecedented move, the entire Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee blasted Naveh for the memo.

Just a few examples of Naveh's gross misrepresentation: Naveh asserts that the Palestinian work plan to combat terror must be "to the satisfaction of Israeli security elements" (Naveh Paragraph 7.A.1). Actually, the agreement merely requires that the Palestinians "share" the plan with the US (WM Paragraph I.A.1(b)).

Naveh claims that per the agreement a "US-Palestinian-Israeli monitoring committee will also follow after the implementation of the Palestinians' plan to combat terror" (Naveh Paragraph 7.A.3), while in actuality Israel is not a party to the monitoring - a US-Palestinian committee "will meet biweekly to review the steps being taken" (WM Paragraph I.A.1(c)).

Naveh claims there will be a meeting of "the Palestine National Council, among them members of the Central Council, the Council... in order to make a decision nullifying all 26 provisions in the

Charter will be nullified or amended (WM Paragraph I.C.2.).

The agreement's choice of the term "as well as members" to describe the participation of other bodies at the meeting rather than Naveh's "among them" was quite deliberate, as it makes clear that the meeting does not actually constitute a PNC session.

Let's state it clearly. The only way to amend the Charter is to have a vote at a formal session of the PNC in which a two-thirds majority votes to approve an amended charter. All the "affirmations" in the world can't change that requirement. Not even a media-hyped get-together featuring the president of the United States.

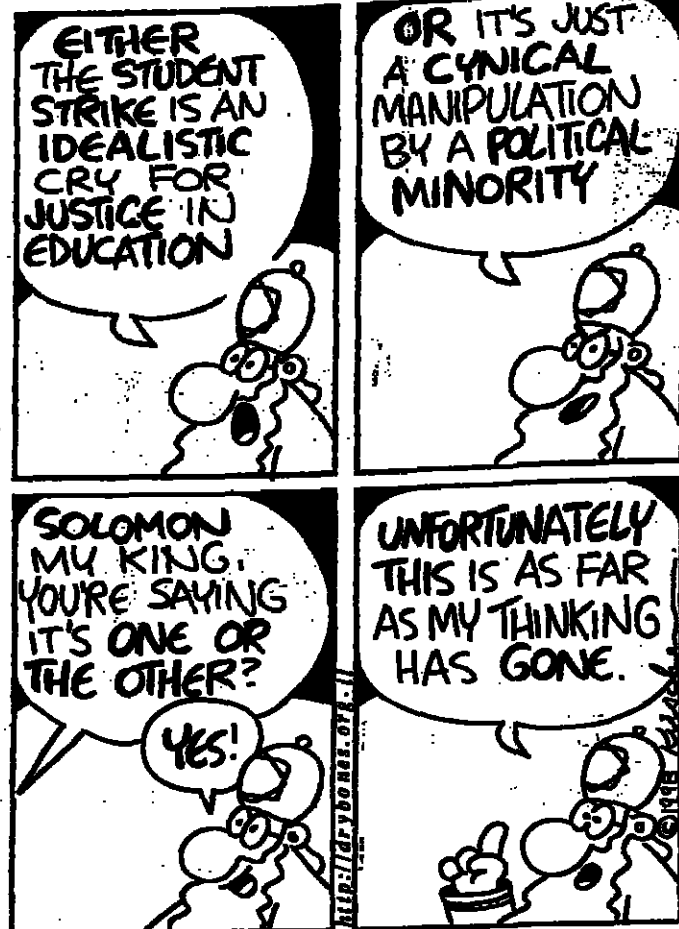
THE FACT that Naveh wrote a deceptive memo is history. A responsible administration would have apologized and promptly set the record straight.

Instead, Netanyahu and Naveh went on the attack.

They have repeat over and over again to the media that the agreement clearly requires a meeting of the PNC and, unfortunately, many of their interlocutors find it hard to resist the numbing effect of the repetitions.

And when Naveh and Netanyahu cite US Ambassador Edward Walker Jr.'s October 29 letter to Naveh as proof that they are correct, many interviewers fail to notice that Walker also doesn't talk

Dry Bones



of an official PNC session which will vote to change the Charter, but rather a "meeting of the PNC and other PLO organizations... to reaffirm Chairman Arafat's January 22 letter to President Clinton."

This would be bad enough, but Netanyahu and Naveh have now adopted an unprecedented defense of the Naveh memo which undermines the very operation of the government.

Instead of conceding that their memorandum was, shall we say, a bit generous in describing Israel's success at Wye, Naveh and Netanyahu argue that the memo doesn't claim to necessarily be telling the truth. After all, it carried a warning on page 5 which read, "This document does not constitute in any way a substitute or summary of the agreement itself or of the letter of guarantee..." (Naveh Paragraph 13).

"The MKs who attacked us should have waited until they read page 5," Netanyahu and Naveh drummed on and on to every

available microphone. What do Netanyahu and Naveh mean when they embrace the caveat of paragraph 13? They sound like a pair of shifty promoters caught trying to palm off property with deceptive brochures.

Is this sound government? Is this the way any government, especially a democratic one, is supposed to function?

One can only hope that the cabinet will not allow this incident to pass.

In the coming months and years the cabinet, and in turn the Knesset, may be asked to approve the most important agreements since the founding of the Jewish State over a half a century ago.

Agreements which will require the hardest of decisions.

These decisions won't be easy and it certainly will be tempting to misrepresent them. But the only hope that the right choices will be made is that the cabinet, the Knesset and the public really know what is at stake.

The View From the East

DAOUD KUTTAB

A dilemma avoided - this time

The municipal elections in Israel rarely interest me, with the exception of those in Jerusalem, since I live there. But until this year, I've never even felt tempted to defy the longstanding Palestinian boycott of the Jerusalem elections. After all, no government in the world, not even the US, has recognized.

On the other hand, a lot has happened since the Israeli occupation of 1967. Israel has made peace with Egypt and Jordan (which had controlled East Jerusalem before 1967). Israel has also agreed in its memorandum of understanding with the PLO to negotiate the future of Jerusalem in the final-status talks.

For me, the most problematic change since 1967 has been the inability of Palestinians, Arabs and the international community to stop the Judaization of Jerusalem at the expense of its Arab and Islamic character. The Israeli settlement policy and the attempts to force Palestinian Arabs out of the city are no longer secret. Discriminatory planning and construction policies,

lack of economic development and the city's unfair taxation policies with regard to the more than 170,000 Palestinians in the city are well documented.

I doubt that Palestinian participation in the city council would have radically changed these policies, but there is no doubt that we could have moderated them. At the very least, having Palestinians on the city council would have resulted in more homes being built for the city's Palestinian residents.

So one doesn't need to be too smart to realize how mistaken the Palestinian boycott of the Jerusalem Municipality was. Knowing what we know today, no sincere leader could view that 31-year-old decision as wise.

But what makes it even worse is that in all those years, no credible Palestinian counter-planning has been done. No efforts were made, for example, to try to carry out symbolic elections in East Jerusalem or to revive the old East Jerusalem city council, some of whose members are still alive today.

With the exception of some

humble efforts at Orient House and recent attempts by the Palestinian Ministry of Planning to devise an East Jerusalem city plan, little concrete planning by Palestinians for East Jerusalem has taken place in the past 31 years.

Politically, our leaders have shackled themselves to such a degree that they have been unable to do anything about the situation they find themselves in today. Jerusalem has been such a political time bomb that most politicians have chosen not to take any chances by suggesting new formulas.

What is needed to move forward is to depoliticize Jerusalem and to think of ways of making Jerusalem's people a priority, rather than politics. Our leaders can do this without giving up our goals and aspirations.

As for my dilemma over whether to vote next Tuesday or not, I got lucky: I have been invited to speak at a conference in Europe, and I won't be here.

So this time, at least, I will not have to make a decision. Hopefully the next time around, I will not even face this dilemma.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INCITEMENT TO RACISM

Sir, - The Supreme Court should be applauded for its decision to void the Moleket-Gesher list for the Upper Nazareth elections for incitement to racism. The court sent a powerful message to purveyors of hate that they will not be allowed to spread their odious message to the electorate with the approval of the state.

Former mayoral candidate Ze'ev Hartman's platform was indeed racist to its core. Not only did it encourage discrimination, it served to perpetuate negative stereotypes of Arabs at a time when there need to be civilized and creative ways to deal with the difficult issues sur-

rounding Israeli Arabs and their place in greater Israeli society.

Furthermore, while aimed at those of voting age, such campaign messages are readily and easily absorbed by schoolchildren. During this year when schools are focusing on the theme of respect and tolerance, it would be wise to use this incident as a case study of what Israel, a Jewish democratic nation, is willing to sanction in the electoral sphere.

LAURA KAM ISSACHAROFF
Assistant Director,
Anti-Defamation League.

Jerusalem.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Sir, - As a second-generation Holocaust survivor, I suggest the monies accumulated, after the bank claims are settled, be used to prevent holocausts from ever recurring.

To this end a foundation should be established for education to eradicate abusive behavior throughout society. Full use of the media, cinema, TV, radio and the press would be employed toward this end.

Whenever people are educated to relate to themselves and others with acceptance, kindness, understanding and love, child and old age abuse, domestic violence, sexual harassment and discrimination, terror, war and holocaust do not occur.

There were those who said the Holocaust could not occur. Let's not be among those who say behavior cannot be changed.

The foundation would be based in Jerusalem, the City of "Peace." From here world Jewry would revive Hillel's message, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

SONIA ROSEN

Jerusalem.

FADING HOPES

Sir, - I must write to sadly applaud the articles of Aaron Lerner ("Inexcusable," October 26) and Yossi Ben Aharon ("The Great Betrayal," October 27).

We had such high hopes of our Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and they came to nothing. Under the power pressure of Washington and Bill Clinton, he gave away abysmally. Clinton was never happy about Netanyahu's election as prime minister, and his salesmanship

and persuasion broke the determination and statesmanship that our prime minister started out with. We are very much now in the hands of what America decides is correct or not, in the reading of the Agreement.

It seems we can rely only upon the Almighty to save us once again.

DR. E. ROGANS

Netanya

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On November 5, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that with the lifting of curfews, the resumption of traffic, opening of the shops and teaching in schools, closed since the October 28 Arab demonstrations in Jaffa, life had returned to normal.

Commenting on a series of *Palestine Post* articles reporting German preparations for war, H. Wolff, German Consul-General in Jerusalem, assured this newspaper, in absolutely clear and

unequivocal terms, of Germany's peaceful intentions.

50 years ago: On November 5, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the State Council had decided that the Knesset would consist of 120 members, the number of the Great Synagogue sages 24 centuries ago, superseding the Parliamentary Election Committee's decision that it should have 101 members only.

25 years ago: On November 5,

1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the Egyptian threat to renew the war and the use of the POW issue was an attempt to blackmail Israel into lifting its encirclement of the Egyptian Third Army. Apprehension and anger were felt in Israel at the American pressure: the US Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, was reported to be most friendly towards the Arabs and critical of Israelis.

Alexander Zvielli

Dialogue is not enough

DANIEL DORON

The anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination again raised calls for dialogue and eliminating violence. But for these calls to be effective, we must first recognize that violent conduct and disregard for the law are endemic in our personal behavior and in our system of governance.

Unless we change them profoundly, the void created by the collapse of centralization and by a weak rule of law will be filled here - as in the countries of the former Soviet bloc - by growing political radicalization and violence.

Many commentators blame "the occupation" for making our society more violent. But violence in the Jewish community goes back to the 1920s, when Labor used brute force in its attempt to "conquer work" and destroy opponents in an imagined "class war."

In 1924, Hagana men assassinated a religious political dissident, Jacob de Haan. Violence was rife between the Hagana, Lehi and Irgun and even - though some prefer to forget - within the Labor movement, in ideologically split kibbutzim, for example.

We live amidst extremely violent nations and states, where the rule of law and respect for life is weak; some of it has undoubtedly rubbed off on us.

But we have our own tradition of disregarding the law, dating from before the Palmah and Irgun days.

Our socialist-inspired political system vehemently objected to property rights, the bedrock of all law, and greatly expanded state power at the individual's expense. Political power has become the criteria by which resources are distributed and the struggle over this distribution has radicalized politics. The law became an instrument of distributive policies, too extensive and complex to be enforced equitably, evenly or efficiently.

The police have failed to protect citizens from murderous drivers and violent spouses. They have long abandoned any serious attempts to catch thieves. Policemen and commanders are too often themselves involved in violent behavior, in false arrests, in inept or skewed investigations and in public reprimands, all diminishing respect for the law.

When criminals are finally apprehended, it takes ages to convict them, if at all. Sentences are often laughably light. It seems judges care more about their liberal credentials than about crime prevention.

CRIME also pays in the economic sphere and this, too, erodes respect for the law. Among judges there is an indifference, sometimes hostility, to property rights, a hangover from our socialist days. Obtaining justice is an enor-

mously expensive and protracted process. Citizens do not feel that the law is on their side.

For example: After workers were forced to join certain pension funds the law did not protect them from manipulations, some criminal, that resulted in huge losses; nor was the law applied effectively against powerful bankers who robbed the public blind.

People's savings are allocated to the well-connected or politically powerful at reduced lending rates, sometimes without adequate collateral, while small entrepreneurs are starved for credit. Monopolies extract, with government sanction, inflated prices for practically every consumer need. For their high taxes people get deficient, costly "free" health and education services, which they have to supplement at huge cost.

Billions are dispensed to the politically connected, to sectorial interests, along with privileges, subsidies, land rights, exemptions and so on; all are "lawful" but at the public's expense. Young people who give years to protect the country must pay "legally" inflated prices for housing, and saddle themselves with lifelong mortgages leaving them little to save, open a business or invest in study.

Public servants extract hugely inflated salaries and immense benefits, but don't provide us with clean air or water. They endanger our health by criminally neglecting treatment of dangerous substances, sometimes allowing poison in our food. The law seems to tolerate and even aid and abet a most iniquitous system, so why should it be respected?

Failures of our "security establishment" further erode confidence in "the system." Unpreparedness for war and the many mishaps that plague our defense forces seem to indicate that they, too, are afflicted with society's ailments.

Last, but not least, our Knesset, the font of all law, enjoys little credibility. Many legislators are held in contempt because of their perceived lack of integrity, dirty deals, and personal self-seeking.

All the above leave people with the feeling that there's no one really minding the store; and that the law is a farce. There is a growing conviction that one can achieve things only through political dealing, coercion, or violence. This is why strikes in the public sector are almost always violent; it's clear the university students have learned this trick, too.

Seminars and dialogues are wonderful, but the rule of law can be established only by a radical change in its role. Only a basic transformation of our system can earn respect for the law, and only its efficient, unbiased enforcement can reduce violence.

Weekender

'Punk king' meets pop sophisticate

Former alternative rocker
Elvis Costello spends a year
working with Sixties tunesmith
Burt Bacharach

By ROGER CATLIN

It may have been hard to shock people 21 years ago in England's safety-pinned summer of punk. But Elvis Costello managed to do so by performing a song by Burt Bacharach and Hal David.

"I Just Don't Know What to Do With Myself" all those years ago, even before his debut *My Aim Is True* album created an indelible rock 'n' roll image in the United States, the young English songwriter never dreamed he'd be spending a year working with Bacharach, the peerless '60s pop tunesmith.

It happens on *Painted From Memory*, the just-released album Costello-Bacharach material. Costello accompanied on piano by Bacharach, who also leads a 24-piece string section.

"Obviously we've had different - wildly different - experiences in music," says the 44-year-old Costello.

But their collaboration was easier by Costello's determination to enter the realm of the 70-year-old pop sophisticate, who wrote "Walk on By," "I'll Never Fall in Love Again," and "24 Hours to Tulsa."

"I abandoned thoughts of trying to be a Frankenstein's monster," says Costello. "Some ungodly kind of 'Pump It Up' and 'What's New Pussycat.' I didn't feel I needed to bring the harshest sounds of my style to bear on this particular group of songs."

Besides, he adds, "I've always thought of myself as a ballad writer who was accidentally a good rock 'n' roll singer when I wanted to be. You can look at the evidence throughout my career, where the strengths have lain always with the ballads."

Costello obviously wasn't too much of a stretch to pair with Bacharach on the 1996 film *Grace of My Heart*. (The collaboration was so rushed, they didn't meet until they got into the studio to record it.)

"That was such an extraordinary experience in making a good working relationship, that we didn't

have time for doubts," Costello says.

"By the time we found ourselves in the studio recording that song, it was just apparent to both of us, that whatever preconceptions we or anybody else might have had about it, it did work."

WHEN they got together to write the songs on *Painted From Memory*, they found a way to work together despite their different backgrounds.

"If we had a different view of a passage of music," Costello says, "we usually worked until there was a third version of it that we could both put our names on with pride."

If he was intimidated by writing songs with Bacharach - the man whose songs he knew since childhood - Costello didn't show it.

Costello says Bacharach was taking just as big a chance working with a man he was quoted as calling "king of the punks" in *Rolling Stone*.

"Not only in working with somebody from a different style of music, but also the fact that he was giving up some of the responsibility writing the music," Costello says. "So I have to pay tribute to him in wanting to do that."

His work with Bacharach songs is bringing out a more pronounced Costello vocal style that he admits is "extremely demanding."

"Burt encouraged me to use a warmer, richer tone in the lower register, and as the drama of the song develops, I am obliged to reach out for feeling and also for some pretty high notes."

"I don't do those things with ease. But for some people, that's a very attractive element of the tension between our two musical personalities: I have a more abrasive voice than some of the singers who have sung Burt's songs."

"But," he adds, "we're not singing the Bacharach-David catalog, we're singing the Bacharach-Costello catalog, so that's why it sounds like it does."

Costello would be pleased if traditional pop singers would want to record these new songs.

"If a more secure or smoother voice wants to come along and interpret these songs later, I'll be delighted to hear it," he says. "But



Costello (right) praises Bacharach for 'working with somebody from a different style of music [and for] giving up some of the responsibility for writing the music.' (AP)

I'm not absolutely certain that they will get more out of a song emotionally than I can."

It was that emotional basis that carried those Bacharach songs even when he sang them in punk clubs back in 1977.

"People couldn't make up their mind whether we were being iron-

ic or something," he says. "When I hear it now, it sounds naive, but it's an impassioned performance."

While the move to pop suits his musical taste - and middle age - it doesn't mean that he's abandoned rock for good.

"I've already done all that," he says. "If I ever get the inkling to

have anything that resembles a rock band - and I'm not saying I never will - I hope I just wouldn't do it in a way that was disgraceful."

There's something kind of lazy about grinding on with a rock band when you know it's not the only thing you can do."

(The Hartford Courant)

A secular bastion in sleepy Safed

By ADAM SCHENBERG

Nightlife in Safed can usually be found at the grave of the great Ari Hakadosh (Rabbi Yitzhak Luria, the 16th-century kabbalist), where hundreds gather to recite psalms almost every night.

In this city's other-worldly atmosphere, you can also hear religious equivocations in Yiddish, English or Hebrew, as you wind down the cobblestone lanes of the Old Jewish Quarter. There are also Hasidim doing their *hisbodedus* - howling out their solitary prayers in the wadi near the Amud and Meron streams.

Sometimes a few drunks join the bats that hover around street lamps in this sleepy Galilee city. A number of signs say: "Please be quiet from 2-4 in the afternoon and from 8 p.m. till 8 a.m."

There is, however, a bar for those who prefer to revel in the material world. Bar Duck, located in the mall, is trying to invigorate the youth scene. This is the only venue in Safed where local secular youngsters not only have the opportunity to boogie but to rub shoulders with people of similar disposition in a party atmosphere.

Bar means "son of" in Aramaic. As for the Duck, pictures of Looney Tunes' Daffy adorn the walls. Owner Reuven Sadeh says that on Saturday nights, tables are changed from bar blue to restaurant red, the waitresses wear our webbed hero's beak on their T-shirts and a different recipe for local fowl is served: Sometimes with wine, sometimes with apples and pears.

Prices are discounted for soldiers in uniform and students. On Wednesdays, local bands and soloists cater to an older crowd with sing-alongs. Sadeh adds that for five minutes every Wednesday, tequila is free, and people dance on the tables. Thursdays are disco nights.

Bar Duck is also a play on the Hebrew slang term *bardak* which means reefer or weediness.

Last week, Bar Duck hosted a Euro-techno-trash party in honor of Gil Bitan, 30, Safed's youngest mayoral candidate in next Tuesday's local elections. Despite the noise, I did get a chance to speak with this home-grown politician, whose campaign slogan is "Safed needs to change its *gil* [age]!"

"Bitan is unabashedly against religious coercion - he wants cafes and galleries to be open on Shabbat - supports environmental causes, and knows he will not win."

In the 1950s and '60s, Safed was the place where avant-garde painters and writers gathered - in the spring and summer, its cool breezes offered relief from Tel Aviv's oppressive heat. But Bitan says the invention of air conditioning isn't the reason why the intellectuals and tourists stopped coming.

"For every haredi who moves in, a secularist moves out. If I am mayor, the college will become a university, and the tourists will come again. If the tourists come, the city will be rich and even the parasitic religious will benefit more."

Bitan words from a new brand of politician.

Sadeh, however, notes that he is closed on Friday nights; it was part of a compromise reached with Chay Halal, under which he is allowed to remain open until 2 a.m. on other nights.

He adds: "We need someone like Gil on the city council. Somebody who is unafraid to stand up to the religious and help change the political and economic scene here so that young people won't leave Galilee and move to Tel Aviv. Why should they have to go to Kiryat Shmona or Tibetias to have a beer or party?"

Bar Duck, Rehov Yerushalayim, Safed Mall

AFTER HOURS

Magic on my mind

Conjurer Zachi White talks about his favorite magicians

When Zachi White and his wife Lilach were married on the shore of Lake Kinneret two years ago, it got international media coverage.

Initially, he wanted to make her fly to the huppa, but, he admits, that was a bit difficult. So instead, he made her disappear from under the huppa and reappear, a few seconds later, coming in on a boat from the middle of the lake. He shattered the glass by mental telepathy, and Zachi says that they've been happy ever since.

Zachi, now in his late 20s, has been hooked on magic since the age of five, when he was given a box filled with tricks. He graduated from doing tricks every Friday night for the family to winning first prize in the Israel National Magicians contest in 1992.

"Usually, when magicians see magic, they know how it is done," White says. "However, the judges never knew how my magic trick played out because I presented it, with the help of my team, in the context of a story."

Zachi likes to tailor his act for the audience. His breathtaking "Illusion Show" is done for a big group of people. It is funny, rather than frightening.

"I like to see my audience enjoying the act as well as being amazed," he says.

He has another act tailored for promotional meetings in the high-tech industry.

"It is easier to fool people who are more intelligent, and who are by their very nature interested and responsive to my act," he says.

"First I find out which information the company wants to pass on, and then, through my magic, disseminate it in a very different way. Instead of a speech, I let the audience know about it, seemingly 'through a back door' and add spice to the day. Nobody dozes through my presentation."

Zachi's "Solo Show" is designed for small parties and includes audience participation. Through mentalism, heat transfer, sleight of hand, and making the visible invisible, he dazzles his audiences.

Here are his favorite magicians and their special tricks.

1. David Copperfield
"He is the best magician in the world - as well as being Jewish. I had the pleasure and privilege of meeting and studying with him."

2. Lance Burton
"Lance has his own show in Las Vegas. Usually I do not like the classic acts, such as doves or fire. However, I have never seen a magician that has the quickness of hands that he has, which so completely deceives the eye."

3. Siegfried and Roy
"These are two magicians who work together in Las Vegas and have an absolutely amazing show. They use a large stage and have a complete show with dancers, music, lights, and fire."

4. Juan Tamariz
"He is a Spanish magician who is unparalleled in the area of professional card tricks. He has such marvelous control over the cards that any trick you can imagine, he can do."

5. Brett Daniels
"He is my favorite magician. His presentation is clear, clean, and unbelievably quick."



Copperfield is a performer who has a way of making something very big from nothing and vice versa.

"The act I enjoy the most is when he uses the actual restaurant car from the famous Orient Express train for a spectacular trick. He first covers it and then makes it rise. When he pulls back the cover, the entire car has disappeared."

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"My favorite trick is when he levitates his assistant. She then disappears in such a completely effortless manner that his skill leaves even magicians speechless."

- Sarah Hershenov

Hot tip

By DANIELA SCHEINDLIN

Tel Aviv

Music, theater and dance in a rich diversity of styles make this weekend into an archetypal example of Tel Aviv cultural life.

Pop music runs from the tow-headed, lusty-voiced Dana Berger, who offers a rousing performance at Tzavta 2 on Friday night, starting at 10, to the adventurous, alternative, and always experimental Barbie club, at 40 Selma St. Tonight's show, at 10 p.m., featuring Hatzoharim, ("The Shiners"), displays the club's usual devotion to new and relatively unknown groups.

Somewhere in the middle lies "Glimmers of Nostalgia," nostalgic songs with Boaz Avni on the piano, at Hasima Theater, tonight at 9. 8 Mazal Hadagim, call (03) 681-2126.

This eclectic scene is topped off by Saubedrin and the Mississippi Blues at the Camelot, tonight with Danny Zuckerman, starting at 11:30 p.m. at 16 Shalom Aleichem. As always, the Beil Tal Quartet graces the intimate, pleasant Hakosif pub, off Rabin Square.

Theater offers almost as odd a mix. *Who the Hell is Harold?* is an evening of improvisational work at the Yoram Levinstein Acting Studio, performed by students of this very creative establishment, which has many famous graduates. Tonight at 37 Rehov Abbas in Tel Aviv's Hatzvra neighborhood, starting at 9.

Two plays deal indirectly with the Rabin assassination. *Civil War* by Habimah's young theater group, depicts the deep rifts in Jewish/Israeli society. The show plays tonight at the new Geshen Theater on 15 Louis Pasteur St. in Old Jaffa. Call 03-518-02812; starts at 8:30.

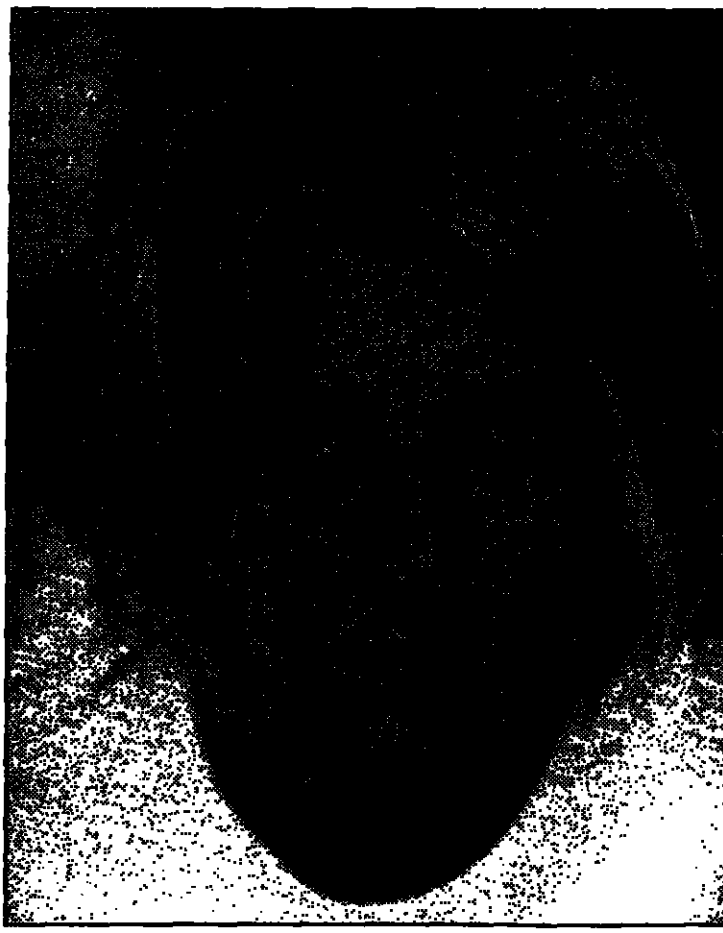
Assassins, by Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman, deals with 10 different assassinations, including those of four American presidents. Produced by Beit Lessin, plays tonight at Beit Lessin, off Kikar Hamedina, at 8:30.

The Cameri has its fairly new play, *The Concert* by Goren Agmon, showing all around town: tonight it is at the Eretz Yisrael Museum, at 8:30. Call (03) 641-5244.

Dance is both contemporary and crazed during these next few days.

The more classical Bat Dor, a group typically considered modern but ballet-based, performs *Rosh Hana'al*, at 8:30 tonight, at the Bat Dor Theater in the London Ministore (30 Ibn Gvirol).

At the Tel Aviv Museum on Saturday night, audiences who enjoy the unusual can see *Duo Drum*, an intriguing and certainly mesmerizing performance by Chen Zimbalista and Zahi Patish (no pun intended: Patish may mean "hammer," but it is



Dana Berger sings in Tel Aviv tomorrow night.

(Noa Zoni)

Zimbalista who does most of the hammering).

Zimbalista, one of the most talented percussionists in the country, shows his stuff to the accompaniment of Patish, who slaps, taps, dances and grooves to the

beat. Starting at 8:30 p.m., call (03) 695-7361 for details.

Jerusalem

Jerusalem is also feeling funky. An evening of improvisation of

Dance and Music stars Arie Burstyn and Karen Abrams (both dancers), to Yair Delal's live music. A jam session will follow this performance at the Habarna Theater, 4 Yad Harutzim (fourth floor). Starting at 9 p.m. Call (02) 673-3814.

If you must stay in this weekend, at least get out next week: On Monday night, the in-house Ensemble Deman plays at the scenic Zionist Confederation House, starting at 9. Call (02) 624-5206.

And Points Beyond

For those of you who are only familiar with the Mel Brooks film version, Haifa Theater offers the real thing: with the classic *To Be or Not To Be*, tonight at 9. Call (04) 860-0500.

On Sunday, Ensemble Bat Sheva goes north, performing *Zachacha* at the Regional Hall in Megiddo. Starting at 5:30 p.m.

The blues, though, go south, all the way to Elit. Komie Peterson and his Blues Band perform at the Yacht Pub tonight, starting at 11, with Alan Haynes from Texas.

Television

Staying home is tempting tonight, too. Die-hard fans will be interested in *John Lennon in New York City*, a record of his live performance in 1972 at Madison Square Garden, with Yoko Ono and her band. 8:10 on Channel 1.

One of the more interesting, clever and witty films ever made is *Living in Oblivion*, starring Steve Buscemi. This hysterical pseudo-drama is directed by Tom DiCillo. Movie Channel, 11:25 p.m.

Weekender Food & Drink



A chicken in every bowl

A few liberties and a one-bowl shortcut put these chicken salads on everyone's timetable, Jean Kressy writes.

What comes to mind when you think of chicken salad?

Probably a mixture of chicken, celery, mayonnaise, and sometimes hard-boiled eggs. For a salad, this one definitely tips the fat scales. But we love it, so we took some liberties with that traditional formula and created several main-course chicken salads, all of which have less than 10 grams of fat per serving.

They're a breeze to make because all the ingredients can be tossed together in one bowl.

Who wants a chicken in every pot? Wouldn't it be better in a cool, refreshing salad?

SMOKED CHICKEN-AND-POTATO SALAD

4 cups red potatoes, halved and cut into 1/2-in. slices
3 Tbsp. white wine vinegar
2 Tbsp. water
1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
240 gr. ready-to-eat smoked

chicken breasts, cut into julienne strips
1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions

Place potatoes in a medium-sized saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil. Cook 5 minutes, drain and set aside.

Combine vinegar and next 5 ingredients (vinegar through pepper) in a large bowl; stir with a whisk. Add potatoes, chicken and onions, tossing to coat. (Serves 4.)

TANGY CHICKEN SALAD

1/2 cup white wine vinegar
2 Tbsp. water
1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. cracked black pepper
8 cups romaine lettuce
350 gr. ready-to-eat roasted skinned, boned chicken breasts, shredded
2 cups diced tomato
250 gr. can corn, drained
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese (optional)
red onion slices (optional)

Combine first 5 ingredients in a

small bowl and stir well with a whisk.

Divide lettuce and next 3 ingredients (lettuce through corn) evenly among 4 serving plates. Drizzle each with 2 Tbsp. dressing. If desired, sprinkle each with 1 Tbsp. cheese and red onion slices. (Serves 4.)

ASIAN CHICKEN SALAD WITH NOODLES

1 Tbsp. sugar
3 Tbsp. lime juice
3 Tbsp. water
3 Tbsp. soy sauce
2 Tbsp. creamy peanut butter
3 cups hot cooked linguine
250 gr. ready-to-eat roasted skinned, boned chicken breasts, shredded
1 1/2 cups bean sprouts
1/2 cup sliced green onions

Combine first 6 ingredients in a large bowl and stir well with a whisk.

Add linguine and remaining ingredients, tossing to coat. (Serves 4.)

TABOULI CHICKEN SALAD

1 1/2 cups uncooked bulgur or cracked wheat
1 1/2 cups boiling water
250 gr. ready-to-eat roasted skinned, boned chicken breasts, chopped
1 cup chopped cucumber
1 cup diced plum tomato
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/2 cup minced red onion
1/2 cup lemon juice
3 Tbsp. water
1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper

Combine bulgur and boiling water in a large bowl. Cover and let stand 20 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Add chicken, cucumber, tomato, parsley, and onion, stirring well.

Combine lemon juice and remaining ingredients; stir with a whisk. Add juice mixture to bulgur mixture, toss gently. (Serves 4.)

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By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Phyllis's Tips

• Is it true that the darker the olive oil, the better the quality?

Surprisingly, no. It is not true that greener olive oil is better. The color of olive oil depends on the olives used to make it. (In some countries, however, chlorophyll is added to the olive oil to make it appear greener. Since chlorophyll is a natural additive, it is not mentioned on the label.)

• What is the smoke point of olive oil?

Olive oil's smoke point is the same as that for corn oil. Although the olive-oil growers claim that olive oil can be used for deep frying, I would suggest that all oils be used on heat no higher than medium.

Living with celiac

Those who suffer from celiac sprue might find comfort in the fact that there are many others like them in Israel. One is Rivkah Roth, who offers cooking classes to those sharing the same problem. For information, call 051-213123 and leave a message. In the meantime, she offers "a rich but easy-to-make bread" that she makes in bulk and freezes.

RIVKAH'S HEALTH BREAD

1 kg. gluten-free flour (available at supermarkets)
2 Tbsp. dry yeast (she uses Bruggman's)
1/2 Tbsp. coarse ground sea salt (or less regular salt)
2 Tbsp. ground coriander
1-2 Tbsp. cumin (preferably "Kamun Mizrahi")
1/2 Tbsp. caraway seeds

2 Tbsp. za'atar (make sure it contains no wheat)
1 handful broken walnut pieces
1-2 handfuls sunflower seeds
3 eggs
200 ml. olive oil
800 ml.-1 liter mineral or boiled water

Combine above ingredients and mix with fork until they form a sticky and quite moist batter.

Pour into 2 large oiled cake pans. Let rise in draft-free area while oven heats up for up to a half hour. Bake at 250°C for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to just under 200° and bake for another 50 minutes.

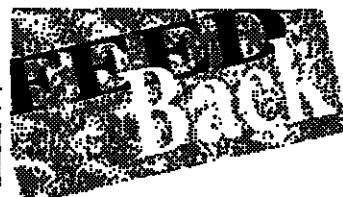
Cool on rack, slice and freeze immediately.

Tastes best fresh or toasted directly out of the freezer. Keeps also at room temperature for up to one week.

N. Shilco of Ra'anana offers another suggestion: "I have been on a gluten-free diet for approximately 50 years.... My wife bakes bread for me. We buy Juvela flour in Gan Shmuel supermarket in Hadera. I think the flour that you can buy in the local supermarket is pretty awful.

"My wife says that it is necessary to follow the instructions on the packet. One packet makes two loaves. When the bread is cool, put it in plastic bags and refrigerate it until ready to eat it.

"The best way to eat gluten-free bread is to toast it and eat it while it is still hot. You will find that it tastes quite good. Always keep it refrigerated."



By PHYLLIS GLAZER

I'm a real rice fan. Where can I get rice recipes in English?
— Fran Alexander, Herzliya

While it is possible to find rice cookbooks, your best bet might be to look up www.usarice.com/domestic/recipe. September was National Rice Month in America and the site has a host of new recipes to celebrate it.

Referring to the recipe for Essene bread (Feedback, September 17): I need to know what exactly wheat berries are. If possible, please give the Latin name.

As I am originally from Germany, I am pleased to hear that your cookbooks are published in German. Where could I buy one?

— Shvita Wenkart, Arad

Wheat berry is another term for whole wheat.

My biblical cookbook, *Foods in the Bible, Food and Drink in the Days of the Bible*, is the only cookbook I have published in German. You can try writing to the German publisher, Hanssler Verlag, Neuhäusen-Stuttgart, to obtain a copy.

Can you please provide me with a recipe for Kugel Yerushalmi? Also with what should it be served?
— Pearl Goldin, Jerusalem

According to *The Flavor of Jerusalem* by Joan Nathan and Judy Goldman, this kugel is "usually kept warm on a hot plate to use Saturday at lunchtime." Serve it as the main dish with your choice of a first course (perhaps fish) and accompanied by a green salad.

KUGEL YERUSHALMI

250 gr. thin spaghetti
1/2 cup cooking oil
1/2 cup sugar
salt to taste
1 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
3 eggs, slightly beaten

Preheat oven to 180°C. Cook the spaghetti, drain well and set aside in a saucepan. In a medium-sized saucepan,

heat oil and add sugar. Cook over very low heat, stirring constantly, until the sugar is very dark, almost black (about 10 minutes). Immediately add spaghetti, salt, pepper and eggs. Stir well and test to see if it is peppery enough.

Place in a greased tube pan and bake uncovered until golden brown on top, at least 1 1/2 hours. Remove from oven, turn upside down on a serving plate and unmold. (Serves 4-6.)

After a while, the Teflon coating on pots and pans rubs off and the white metal becomes visible in a number of spots. Is it safe to keep using such a pot even after quite a bit of Teflon has rubbed off?

— Kate Firestone Shifan, Jerusalem

If a Teflon utensil becomes scratched, chipped or peeled, it should not be used for cooking food.

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Super salsas

Fresh tomatoes bring out the best in these zesty Mexican-style sauces.

Fresh, ripe tomatoes, and other vegetables and fruits, inspire the best salsas. That's not just good news for chip-and-dip appetizers; trays of these flavorful Mexican-derived sauces (salsa is Spanish for sauce) can also do a power pep-up on fish, chicken, beef, and even steamed or grilled vegetables.

So grab some fresh tomatoes, coriander, and onions—maybe some mangoes, corn, and basil, too—and get inventive. Virtually fat-free, salsas are too versatile to overlook.

To get you started on what may become a tradition in your house, here are some tips and shortcuts from some old salsa-making hands.

When you purchase whole tomatoes, remember that 1/2 kg. tomatoes yields about two cups, chopped and seeded.

The easiest way to peel tomatoes is to simply blanch them briefly in boiling water, then plunge them into ice water. This process loosens the skin, allowing you to peel it off in strips with a sharp knife.

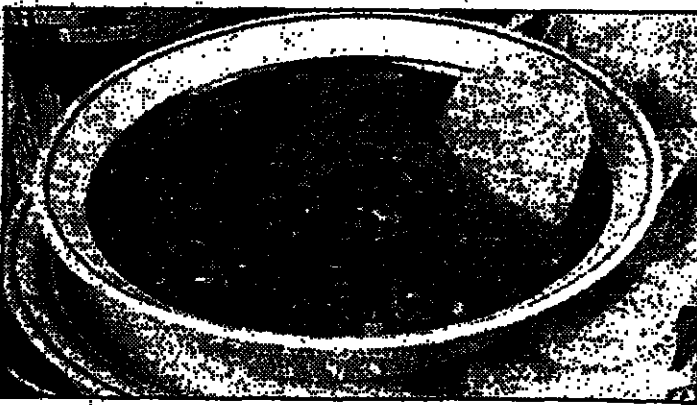
To remove seeds, simply cut the peeled tomato at both ends and push out the seeds using a spoon.

You haven't started already?

TROPICAL TOMATO SALSA

Serve with grilled fish or poultry. It also pairs nicely with a seafood fajita or burrito.

2 Tbsp. lime juice



1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1/2 tsp. grated, peeled fresh ginger
1 cup diced, peeled mango
1 cup chopped tomato
1/2 cup chopped fresh coriander
2 Tbsp. chopped shallots
2 tsp. minced, seeded jalapeno pepper

Combine the first 4 ingredients in a medium-sized bowl. Add mango and remaining ingredients and toss gently. (Makes 2 cups.)

SALSA RANCHERA

Serve with low-fat tortilla chips, grilled meat, or poultry. This is the most traditional salsa, no doubt because it goes so well with almost anything.

2 cups chopped, seeded and peeled tomato
1/2 cup chopped green onions
2 Tbsp. minced fresh coriander
2 Tbsp. chopped green chilis
2 Tbsp. lime juice

1 tsp. minced, seeded jalapeno pepper
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
2 garlic cloves, minced
dash of ground cumin

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. (Makes 2 cups.)

TOMATO-BASIL SALSA

Serve with grilled vegetables, beef or poultry. Or try it as a condiment on a grilled-chicken sandwich or toasted bagel with cheese.

2 cups chopped, seeded and peeled tomato
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
2 Tbsp. chopped red onion
2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. (Makes 2 cups.)

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Weekender Travel



A young girl wearing her Sunday dress stands in front of the structure that serves as home to residents of a former flood plain; there is no running water.

(Los Angeles Times)

By STEPHANIE SIMON

They came for reality, and this is what they saw: toxic dust from an abandoned Tijuana factory swirling downwind into a sad, sick shantytown.

They came for reality, and this is what they heard: a young Mexican woman explaining that she earns \$4 a day assembling typewriters for an American company.

They came for reality, and this is what they felt: the sensation, as one of them put it later, of their hearts and minds expanding.

This was a vacation, but a most unusual one. These 20 men and women paid \$450 each for a three-day tour through the slums of the Mexican border. They paid for a vacation they knew would depress them, in the hopes that it would also inspire them.

"I came," said Jim Long, a 49-year-old San Francisco Bay area engineer, "to rediscover my revolutionary spirit."

This is the world of the "reality tour" as envisioned by Global Exchange, a San Francisco non-profit organization that has made a \$1 million-a-year business of carting tourists to some of the world's most woe-filled places.

For the last decade, reality tours focused on overseas heartache in countries such as Cuba, Haiti, Guatemala and Vietnam. Then, last year, co-director Medea Benjamin realized that Americans could use a reality check in their own backyard.

"We decided," she said, "to start looking at ourselves."

The result is a new series of trips

exploring the social ills that vex California. They're vacations, in essence, through all that's uncomfortable and ugly in the Golden State — or just over the border.

Benjamin was doubtful that people would rush to, as she put it, "pay money to see toxic waste." Smiling with pride and a touch of awe, she added: "But they do."

They pay to see oil drums oozing poison sludge in a beat-up San Francisco neighborhood, to meet garment workers sewing at all hours in miserable conditions. They pay to tour apartments with flaking lead paint. Strawberry fields that are soaking in pesticides. Tijuana slums that are crowded with men desperate to jump the border.

And why not? Sounds like a perfect vacation to Neal Blumenfeld.

A hard-smoking Berkeley, Calif., psychiatrist in tattered straw hat, Patagonia jacket and "Save the Fish" T-shirt, Blumenfeld digs this kind of conscience-raising tourism. "I'm caught in a Berkeley 1960s time warp," he said.

The trips have attracted hundreds more: students and senior citizens, singles and couples, scientists and librarians, teachers and artists.

Some come looking for easy answers: Should they buy a TV made in Mexico, or are workers there being exploited? How can they tell if their favorite T-shirt was stitched in a sweatshop? Should they boycott strawberries? Others come seeking personal redemption.

"I'm here to see how much damage I've done as a capitalist," said

Reality trek

Virginia Barker, a commercial real-estate broker from San Francisco on a one-day tour of environmental injustices in the Bay area.

Then there are tourists such as Napa, Calif., high school student Navek-Ceja, who seems bewildered that anyone would question why he spent three days with his Amnesty International chapter visiting Tijuana slums to understand what drives so many Mexicans north. He's only 16, and to him, the reason is obvious.

"There's so much to do," he explained with crushing sincerity. "I want to help."

In fact, reality tours don't offer many hands-on chances to help. Participants don't build homes for the poor, as they would on a Habitat for Humanity excursion. They can't even roll down the windows of their tour bus to toss change to the glazed-looking man on the corner holding a rumpled cardboard plea: "Need Help. Hungry. Have 2 Kids."

No, these are not feel-good trips. The issues they raise are frustrating. The problems they expose are infuriating. It's exhausting just to keep up with the group; itineraries often run from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., and at night leaders hand out articles to read by morning.

In short, these trips are hard. Most participants on reality

issues they will encounter on the trip. Still they sign up, sure that seeing the truth for themselves — or, better yet, talking with people on the front lines — will enhance their understanding.

Seeking an emotional connection to the news, tourists of all ages have filled reality tours such as "Getting the Dirt on Lettuce" and "Getting Real About Criminal Justice," which includes conversations with prison inmates and visits to halfway houses. At prices ranging from \$30 to \$525, the tours have proved so popular that Global Exchange has expanded its offerings from 14 trips a year to 20.

Jaime Cota, a Tijuana labor organizer who picks up an extra \$75 now and then driving vans for the border trips, said he bristled when early groups stormed into his city acting "as if they were conducting a sociological experiment."

Organizers have since reminded tourists to be more sensitive, not to treat local contacts like exhibits in a zoo, Cota said. He now welcomes the chance to discuss his work with visiting Americans and to get tips on labor issues brewing up north. But still, he senses a shade of condescension: "It's easy to come here and say, 'Oh, poor Mexicans, we're going to help you, we're going to solve your problems.'"

To fight the image that they're just voyeurs parachuting into trou-

ble spots for a quick look and a cluck-cluck of dismay, organizers encourage tourists to swap ideas with the people they visit.

A group of Bay area high school students on a border tour chatted with workers outside a factory, hung out with Tijuana teenagers at a YMCA and talked for an hour with

several wretchedly poor Mexican families living in shacks built of wood scraps, bedsprings, plastic sheets and discarded garage doors.

To the students' amazement, their questions were not just tolerated but welcomed.

"I felt strange. I felt awkward. I felt pretentious and obnoxious," said Zoe Duskin, a freshman from a private San Francisco high school. "But once you get past that, people are pretty accepting. Maybe you are 15 years old and asking about their wages, but you're there because you care."

Eight months pregnant, a young Tijuana woman named Corine confided to the high school students her fears about giving birth in a muddy shantytown with no power, water or sewage, no cars or dependable bus service, no hospital for 13 miles. As the sobered students walked back to their vans, promising to send what supplies they could, Corine's husband told them they had done much already. "More than anything, the moral support you give is important," he said. "That means a lot, because no one else listens."

(Los Angeles Times)

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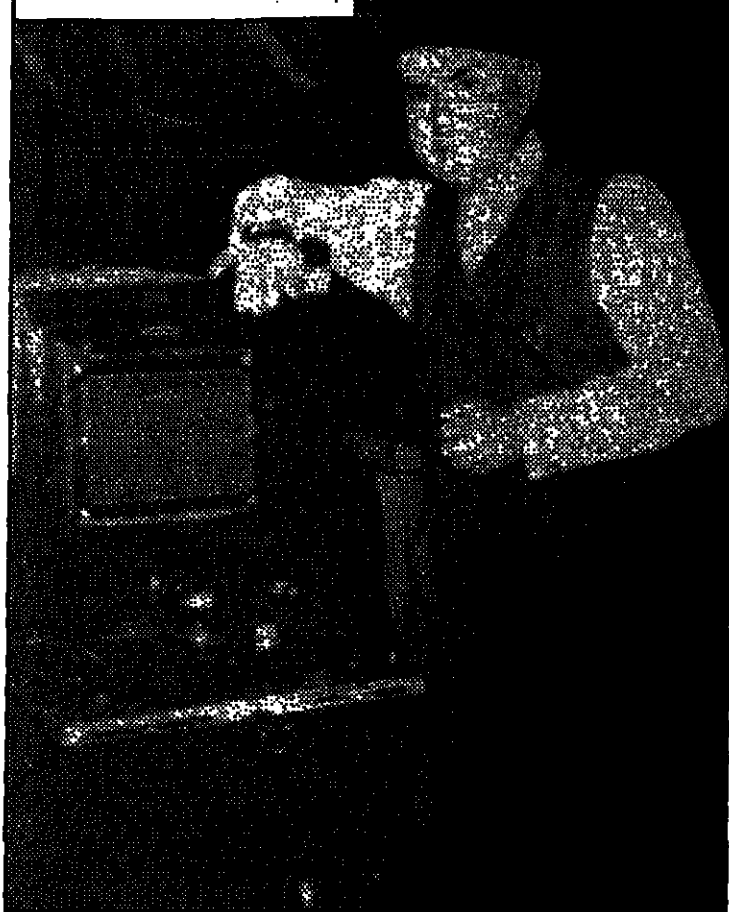
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Weekend Learning

On Camera



Wedding photographer Boris and his 'Big Bertha' camera, 1953 (Repros: David Brauner)

The best man for the job

By DAVID BRAUNER

MY wife Ruth, the genealogist, and I were recently looking at the family pictures (yet again), and I was struck (yet again) by a particular wedding photograph of Ruth's uncle Jack Jacobs and Lily, née Fox, married in London on March 31, 1935.

It's a large picture, ever so dated, but there's a lasting quality about it. The name "Boris" is scrawled across the top.

Shortly after we put away the family album, a surprise packet came in the mail for me. When I saw Ken Berg's name on the return address, I knew there would be goodies inside.

Berg, a retired photo dealer and camera collector, had just returned from London.

He wrote in the accompanying letter: "I enclose a brochure entitled 'Boris' and wonder if that means anything to you."

Berg, who had worked for Boris and knew him well, went on to say, "There was a saying that 'if Boris didn't take your wedding picture, you weren't married.' He was a remarkable man."

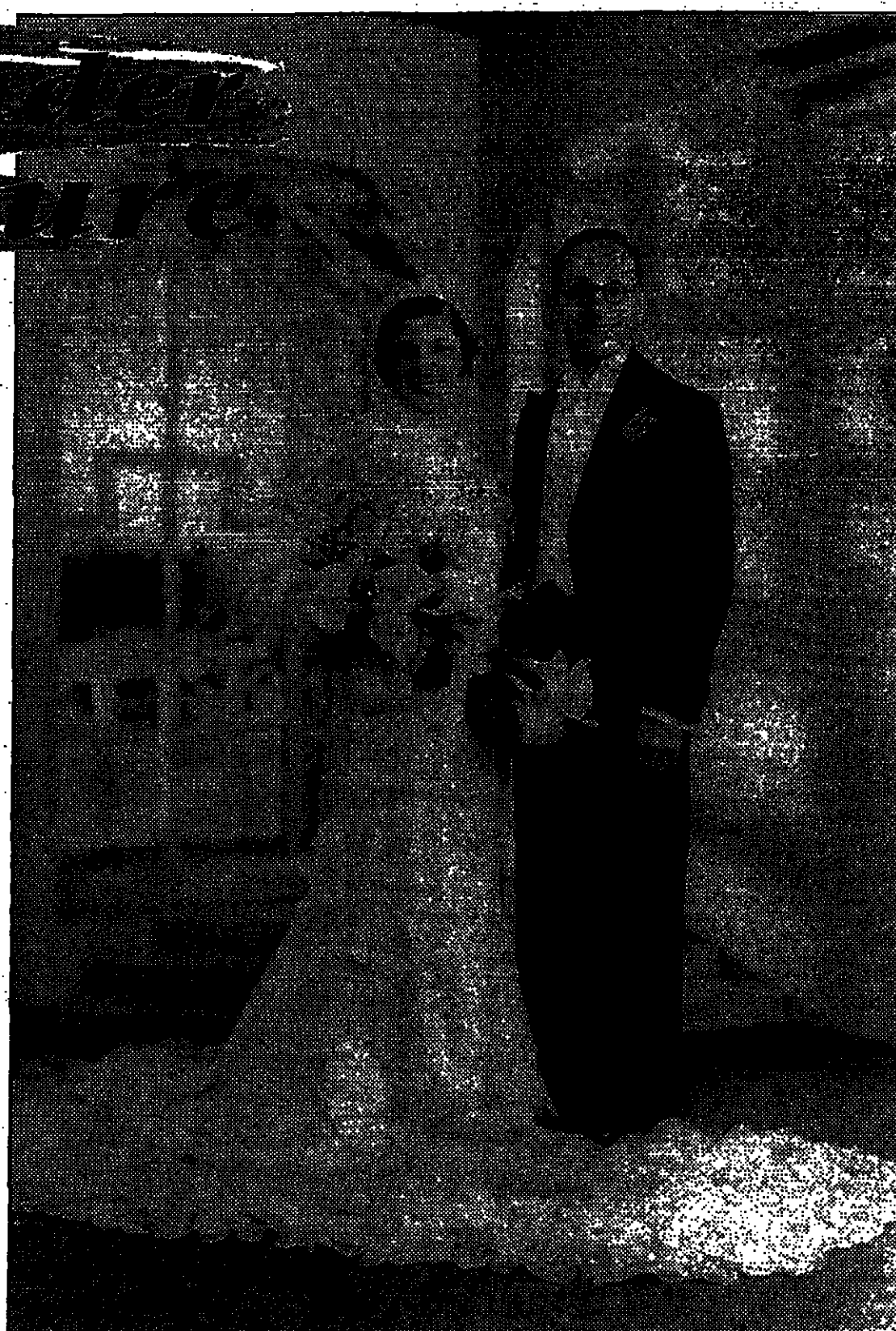
Born in Poland in 1900, Boris Bennett (originally Sochaczewski) came to England in 1922 as an agent for a German photographic firm.

But he was determined to launch his own studio, and in 1927 he opened his first atelier, next to a tailor's workshop on Whitechapel Road.

Every time the tailor's press came down, it caused the rickety floorboards to shake Boris's camera. So the two businesses came to an agreement. Before he took a picture, Boris knocked on the wall. The presser paused a moment, then resumed after a second knock. After a few months, Boris moved his wedding studio to larger, cleaner premises up the road.

Today Boris would be called "pro-active" in his business. He went around drumming up work. As one acquaintance recalls, "If he went to a house and the bride's mother answered, he'd start talking to her as if she were the bride. And apologize after for making 'a mistake.'"

In 1929, Boris photographed his way into the heart of Julia Vines.



Boris's wedding photo of Auntie Lily and Uncle Jack in 1935 with the art-deco backdrop

She came into his studio for passport pictures, because she was planning to emigrate to America. Though he didn't normally do such work, he agreed to take Julia's portrait. Julia left her address for delivery and carried on with her shopping.

Before she got home, Boris had paid a visit to her parents. He told Julia's mother, "You know, I'm very interested in your daughter and I know she's going to the States, but I want you to know that I'm really quite serious about this."

Julia's mother said, "But you don't know her," and he said, "I don't have to know her. I've decided."

Julia went to America. After six weeks she came back and married Boris.

Boris designed Julia's wedding gown with a long train of Brussels lace, which he later used to enhance brides' dresses in hundreds of other pictures. Julia became the studio receptionist; the couple had four children.

In 1933, the Bennetts purchased a pub building, still on Whitechapel Road.

Boris turned it into his dream studio, with a plush, air-conditioned (!) reception area and studio with interchangeable sets in the art-deco style.

A neon sign reading "Boris Studio" lit up the exterior. An avid cinema goer, sometimes seeing

three films in one day, Boris consciously brought the glamour of Hollywood to London's poor East End.

SUNDAYS were Boris's busiest days, with 30 or more weddings to photograph.

In the 1920s and '30s photographers were not part of the wedding itself. Instead, the couples, their attendants and families in all their finery came into the studio between the ceremony and the reception.

Sometimes there were such traffic jams outside Boris's studio, a policeman was needed to keep order. Sundays at Boris's became so entertaining that crowds gathered every week just to watch.

To relax people, Boris never stopped talking. He meticulously posed every picture. After the day's studio work, Boris often worked in the darkroom until three in the morning, developing his own films. Expert retouchers and colorists perfected the large negatives, straightening creases and hand-tinting bouquets and dresses.

The cost was £2 10s for a dozen framed pictures. The framing encouraged people to display Boris's pictures on walls and mantelpieces, thus advertising his work to an ever-widening audience. During his career, Boris took nearly 150,000 wedding photographs.

In the late '40s, Boris successfully expanded his studio business

into Oxford and Bond streets in the upmarket West End. Later, he ventured into the photo retail business under the name Bennett Cameras. When he sold out in 1963, he had 27 shops.

Boris, who was always active in Jewish affairs, celebrated his second bar mitzva at age 83, two years before he died in 1985. Whenever he gave money to charity, he gave generously in cash and thanked the collector for asking.

After World War II he was so moved by the plight of Jewish refugees arriving in Britain that he financed a home for refugee boys and personally met the children - still dressed in their concentration-camp clothes - as they came off the boat.

Israel was "always on his lips and on his mind" and Boris visited there regularly. In 1970, the Bennett family funded the building of the Clive Bennett Community Center at Kibbutz Dovev on the Israel-Lebanon border, in honor of a grandchild who died of cancer at age 11.

(With thanks to Ken Berg and the Museum of the Jewish East End, London.)

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Bridge Election-day bidding

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

Matchpoints
South dealer
Both sides vulnerable
North is declarer
♠ Q 7 6 5 4
♥ A 3
♦ K J 6 2
♣ Q 3

West East
♠ J 10 8 2 ♠ 9
♥ 1 6 5 ♥ 10 7 4 3 2
♦ 9 7 ♦ Q 8 5 3
♣ J 10 8 7 ♣ A K 4

South North
♠ A K 3
♥ K Q 9
♦ A 10 4
♣ 9 6 5 2

South West North East
1 NT pass 2 ♠ pass
2 ♠ pass 3 NT pass
pass pass
*transfer to spades
Opening lead: ♠ J

A BRIDGE problem can be like an election: You have no good bid and you must choose the least of evils. Many bridge magazines feature Mastersolver Clubs in which bidding problems are posed and the expert panel debates the correct answer. Sometimes there will be as many as five or six different answers to the same problem.

Here's an example of a nightmarish hand: You pick up 4-3-3-3 shape with four spades and absolutely no highcard points. Your opponent on your left opens the bidding one spade. Your partner doubles for takeout. The next hand, on your right, passes. What would you bid?

This is the ultimate "election day" bidding problem. Not a good candidate in sight and you must make a bid. Some would bid one notrump, because of the lack of a suit to bid. Most experts would bid two clubs, the lowest three-card suit. Others would bid two hearts, because partner usually has four hearts for his double. And then there are those bridge players who would pass one spade doubled, even though the double was takeout, and hope that declarer doesn't make too many overtricks.

Today's deal offers a happy choice. It comes from a lesson in Marshall Miles' Inferences class,

an e-mail bridge course offered by Bridge Today University (my company). The problem comes on South's third chance to bid.

He opens the bidding one notrump and hears partner bid two hearts, a transfer bid to spades. For now he has no choice and must bid two spades.

When his partner rebids three notrump, his partner is telling him that he has a balanced hand with five spades and is offering a choice of game contracts, three notrump or four spades, depending on South's spade holding. South has three spades, the required number to play a four-spade game (eight trumps), but he also has a very square shaped hand, which argues for notrump. In the auction given, South passes three notrump, choosing to play for nine tricks instead of 10. West leads the jack of clubs and East-West take four club tricks. Dummy discards a spade and a heart and East throws a heart. At trick five, West leads a heart. What is the theoretically best line of play to take the rest of the tricks?

Miles, a bridge champion and author from California, writes: "It will be easy if the spades break 3-2, but when you cash the ace and queen of spades, East discards a heart on the second round. Since the spades split 4-1, you are going to need three diamond tricks. You follow the normal procedure by cashing your sure winners in the other suits, and both opponents follow to three rounds of hearts. What do you know about the opponents' distribution?"

"It is easier to count West's hand than East's. West has shown four clubs and four spades and at least three hearts - consequently no more than two diamonds. The percentage play is to finesse through East with the odds at least 4 to 2 in your favor."

"There is another clue which, this time, you don't need: East's discards on the fourth round of clubs and the second round of spades. A top expert might try to trip you up, but 99 percent of your opponents would discard first from their five-card suit. Players tend to discard the fifth card of a suit as a reflex action, since usually it won't cost - only when it helps you to count the hand."

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Chess A scrappy affair

By NIGEL SHORT

THE English team that will set off for the Olympiad in Kalmykia next month is surprisingly middle-aged. Half our players are so, or experienced that they make even a snorting dinosaur like myself look sprightly by comparison. No, what we need is a good blood transfusion.

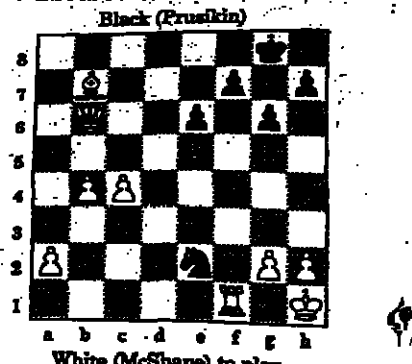
Fortunately, help might be on the way by the time of the next event in Istanbul in 2000. Luke McShane should be on the team by then. The 14-year-old has just earned his first grandmaster norm by winning a strong event in Lippstadt, Germany. Well done Luke! Two more to go!

I do not wish to pour cold water on a result that is exceptional by any standards but the grandmaster title has become so devalued as to be almost meaningless. Cal me a misanthrope if you will but many of today's GMs are relatively weak players. Closer attention should be paid to ratings; an elo of 2500 (about 200th in the world) could be the level below which nobody should be considered a GM.

Doubtless this proposal will infuriate the literally hundreds of title-holders below this level. It won't concern Luke McShane because he is practically there already. Today's game is a scrappy affair. Luke at first mishandled the opening but kept his head when things were looking difficult.

White: McShane
Black: Prusikin
Lippstadt, 2.8.98
1. e4 e5 2. d3 e6 3. d4 exd4 4. exd4 a6 5. d3 d6 6. 0-0 e7 7. e2 d6 8. e4 g6 Black adopts a prickly hedgehog set-up. I discussed this line with John Nunn last year because it was by no means clear to me how White should develop. It obviously was not clear to Luke either. 9. a3 d7 10. e3 e4 11. f4 e5 12. b1 e4d7 13. e2 b6 14. e1 e5d7 15. e4d8 16. e1 e5d7 17. b3 Black is well poised to meet

any pawn thrusts so White makes a semi-useful consolidating move and awaits events. 17... e8 Totally incomprehensible. The rook is better on d8. 17... e8 preparing b5 at some point was correct. 18. e2 Why? 18... e8 19. e5 Opening up the game but to Black's advantage. Probably he got fed up with doing nothing. 19... e8 20. e5 e8 21. e2 e8 22. e1 e8 23. e1 e8 24. e1 e8 25. e1 e8 26. e1 e8 27. e1 e8 28. e1 e8 29. e1 e8 30. e1 e8 31. e1 e8 32. e1 e8 33. e1 e8 34. e1 e8 35. e1 e8 36. e1 e8 37. e1 e8 38. e1 e8 39. e1 e8 40. e1 e8 41. e1 e8 42. e1 e8 43. e1 e8 44. e1 e8 45. e1 e8 46. e1 e8 47. e1 e8 48. e1 e8 49. e1 e8 50. e1 e8



White (McShane) to play.

With a cheap threat of mate. However White would be struggling after 35... e2! e.g. 36. e1 e8 37. a3 e2 38. e2 e3 39. b6 e3 40. e4 e3 41. e3 e4 42. e4 e3 43. e3 e4 44. e4 e3 45. e3 e4 46. e4 e3 47. e3 e4 48. e4 e3 49. e3 e4 50. e4 e3

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Though primarily catering to a young clientele, Rénor's casual styles are suitable for almost any age group.

Flair

Simple & saleable

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

FASHIONWISE, Rénor may not yet be a household word like Castro, Honigman, Dan Cassidy, Dorin, Frankfurt, Gershon Bram, Hagara, Niba and other well-known Israeli labels - but it's definitely getting there with clothes that are simple and saleable.

Established six years ago in Rishon LeZion by Yossi Brosh and Eli Berkowitz, the company has two in-house designers - Ofer Gold and Hila Gaon - and a network of 13 retail outlets, six of which have opened in the last 18 months. Notwithstanding the economic recession, there are plans to open additional outlets.

Though primarily catering to a young clientele, Rénor's clothes are suitable for almost any age group.

There are, of course, some garments which would be deemed inappropriate for a grandmother - even a very youthful grandmother. Nevertheless, bolstered by the right underpinnings, even these outfits could be worn by

the 40-plus age group. Styles range from strictly casual to formal, with semi-tailored suits making a strong impact. In an egalitarian mix, sporty fabrics are teamed with more delicate textures in coordinated ensembles geared both to the sporting arena and the disco.

Rénor does the full range of outerwear including coats, jackets, pants, sweaters, tank tops, sweatshirts, pinafores, cardigans, skirts and dresses in monochromes, stripes and prints. Some of the items also feature embroidery.

Rénor favors shades of grey, silver, burgundy, inky blues and lavender.

The silhouette is slim and the varied fabrics include fine corduroys, velvet, tricot, lycra, acrylan, jersey, simulated leather and brushed cotton.

Though uncluttered, there are interesting details in the cut and in the shaping of waistlines and necklines. Prices are reasonable, starting out at NIS 50 for tricot tops and rising to NIS 600 for evening gowns and leather-look coats and jackets.



Semi-tailored suits feature prominently in Rénor's fall/winter collection.

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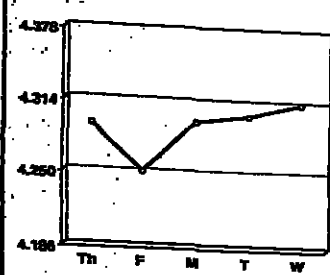
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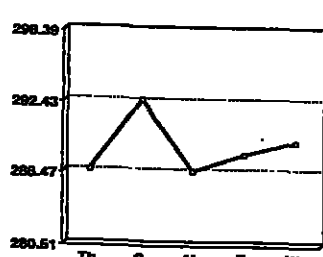
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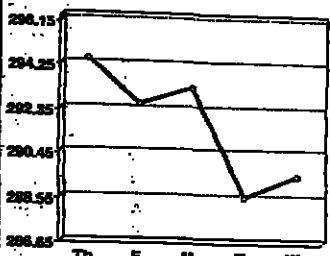


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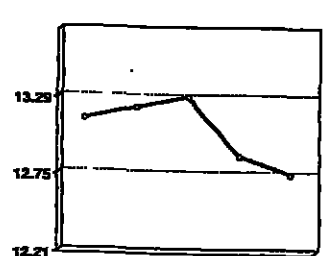
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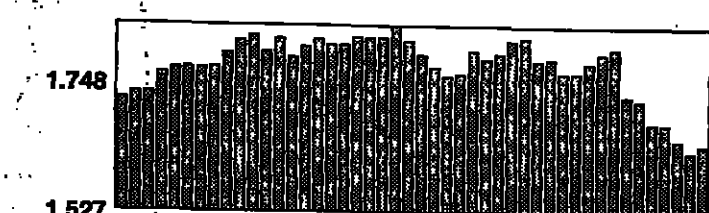


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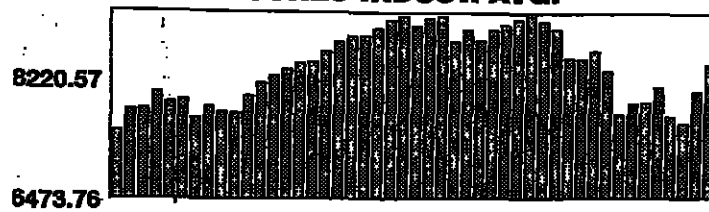
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Electric Fuel gets \$2m. in US funding

A program based on products of Jerusalem-based Electric Fuel Corporation yesterday received approval for \$2 million in US funding. The \$6m. Zinc-Air Electric Transit Bus Program is being conducted by the company together with the Center for Sustainable Technology, the Regional Transportation Commission of Clark County, Nevada, the General Electric Company, and the Nova Bus Corporation. An all-electric bus powered by a battery developed by the company and GE will try to prove it can meet all the mass transportation requirements of the Los Angeles and New York authorities. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Tourism to Syria up 6%

More than 1.5 million tourists visited Syria between January and August, an increase of 6 percent over the same period last year, Syrian Tourism Minister Danbo Dauod said in remarks published yesterday. Most of the visitors came from Arab countries, Dauod told the government newspaper *Al-Thawra*. *AP*

Africa-Israel in \$150m. kibbutz project

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The Africa-Israel holding company yesterday announced its intention to build a new neighborhood in Kibbutz Netzer Sereni, south of Tel Aviv, at a total investment of \$150 million.

Under the terms of the agreement Netzer Sereni will receive some 11 percent of Africa's earnings. The project is expected to be completed within nine years and the company said it hopes to reach annual sales of 100 housing units.

The company, which is controlled by businessman Lev Leviev, said it plans to build a whole neighborhood which will include 850 housing units, public areas and commercial properties.

Africa said that the project would be based on the models of Kiryat Savionim and Neveh Savon, which were built by the company in Or Yehuda and Yehud.

The concept, which is marketed under the slogan "a neighborhood which is a town," will supply its residents with all the social services including schools, kindergartens, nurseries and community center.

The entire complex, which will be built by Africa's subsidiary Danya Cebus, will be annexed in the future to the town of Ness Ziona, according to the plan.

Leviev has stated in the past that he intends to move the majority of his real estate activity to Eastern Europe but so far the company hasn't taken steps in this direction.

Africa-Israel, one of the country's largest investment companies, is engaged in a host of property, tourism, industry and trade activities, and is a major member of the group which won the tender to build the Cross-Israel Highway.

FTRI to back \$60m. ECI-Chinese deal

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Israel Foreign Trade Risks Insurance Corp will back a \$60 million loan to support the construction of China's key information project by ECI Telecom, Shalom Sarid deputy managing director of the Government owned insurance company yesterday said.

The Chinese news agency Xinhua reported on Tuesday that China Construction Bank (CCB), one of China's four largest banks, has secured the loan to finance the project which is known as the Golden-Bridge information network.

A spokesman for CCB told the news agency that the money was raised for Jitong Communications Co., which has been jointly established by a number of organizations in China's electronics sector

to build and operate the project. Sarid confirmed the report but said that ECI had not used all of the funding yet. "We have reached a general agreement which will be spread over several years," he said.

Joseph Shapiro ECI's vice president for corporate marketing said that the company has already sent a fair amount of the equipment to China. He added that ECI was granted all the necessary approvals from the Chinese government authorities and received the financing from banks.

According to the agreement ECI will supply Jitong with an Internet access that will enable foreign trade transactions and customs processing in at least 16 cities in China.

CCB's spokesman said that the financial agreement is the first signed with the Israeli government.

S&P leaves Israel's rating intact

By DAN GERSTENFELD

International securities rating agency Standard & Poor's yesterday said it is leaving unchanged Israel's single-A-minus long-term foreign currency credit rating, adding that the outlook for the local economy is stable.

Moody's Investors Service, the other leading rating agency, is expected to affirm its A3 rating for Israel. The higher such ratings are, the lower the interest charged for selling bonds on foreign debt markets.

S&P said it is leaving intact the current rating despite the economic slowdown, and added that it expects gross domestic product

(GDP) to rise by no more than 1.5 percent this year and 2% next year.

It added that structural reforms are likely to keep Israel's growth potential at about 4%, a level which the company said is "well above other sovereigns at similar stages of development."

The report suggests that tight monetary policy is expected to hold inflation between 4% and 5% annually, in the medium term. According to S&P, the budget deficit is set to decline to 2.4% of GDP this year and to 2% in 1999. The current-account deficit should remain below 2.5% of GDP this year and in 1999, as it is financed increasingly by foreign direct investment inflows.

The rating agency said that ratings are supported by:

- A diversified and well-developed economy, with an increasingly broad and high-tech oriented export base.

- Substantial progress in structural reforms, particularly bank privatizations and capital-account liberalization.

- The government's strengthened commitment to fiscal consolidation and price stability.

- A robust international liquidity position and declining public sector external indebtedness.

At the same time ratings were constrained by:

- Vulnerability to shocks stemming from the country's complex security situation. The company noted that progress in the peace process is critical for long-term economic prosperity.

- Deep seated inflation expectations which are likely to require a prolonged period of tight monetary policy, which in turn will make it difficult for the country to benefit fully from its strong growth potential.

- A heavy, albeit slowly diminishing, government debt burden.

The agency said that the outlook is based on the assumption that the government and the Bank of Israel will continue with their disciplined fiscal and monetary policies.



World's dearest stamps

This block of stamps, claimed to be the most valuable in the world, is to be sold by London stamp dealer Sprink & Son Ltd for £2.75 million (NIS 19.3 million). The block of 48 mint condition Twopenny Blues, which bear the image of Queen Victoria, was issued in 1840 but forgotten until rediscovered in 1945. *(AP)*

Palestinian unemployment down 22%

By DAVID ZEY HARRIS

Unemployment in West Bank and Gaza areas under the control of the Palestinian Authority fell 22.4 percent in the first half of the year, according to UN figures presented this week to the donor nations and representatives of Israel and the PA.

The number of people out of work actively seeking employment averaged 86,750 in the first six months, or 15.6% of the workforce. At the same time, the overall number of people out of work, including those not actively seeking jobs, shrank 13.8% to 155,450.

The report from the Office of the Special Coordinator in the Occupied Territories (UNSCO) was presented as the Israeli and Palestinian delegates jointly requested that the donor nations pledge to continue their funding

for the PA for an additional five years. That request will be considered by some 30 foreign ministers representing the donor nations when they meet in early December, either in Washington or Vienna, according to the Israeli team.

During that meeting, the PA will for the first time present a concrete investment program for possible investment, said Shlomo Dror, the spokesman for the Office of the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories.

Donations during the first three years of the first 5-year donor program, launched in 1994 produced poor results, with the donor nations not matching their pledges. The PA claims this was because they were not prepared to give the money while Israel was suppressing the Palestinians. The Israelis maintain the donors were concerned by the lack of transparency and

possible corruption evident in the PA. The UNSCO report states that over the last year there has been a significant improvement in donor contributions, up from \$120 million in the first half of 1997 to \$216m. in the equivalent period this year.

UNSCO expressed concern that while it is predicted the PA's gross domestic product (GDP) will increase by 2.1% throughout 1998, per capita GDP will in fact fall 3.4% to \$1,380, compared to some \$16,000 in Israel.

The report speaks of "modest growth in business activity," with new company registrations rising 12% and businesses pushing 14% more capital into construction activities. However, trade with Israel stagnated, with the value of PA exports to Israel declining. Additionally, the area of land officially registered for residential construction projects declined 8.5%.

Schroeder's tax reform bill ready

BONN (Reuters) - Chancellor

Gerhard Schroeder's new coalition government is expected to introduce a controversial tax reform bill into the German parliament next week, sources in the alliance between the Social Democrats and Greens parties said yesterday.

SPD finance expert Ingrid Matthaeus-Maier said that SPD and Greens deputies would review the package next Tuesday. Coalition sources said it is likely the bill will be submitted to the Bundestag lower house the following day.

The two parties plan to cut DM 54 billion in income and corporate taxes, while cutting back or scrapping over 70 tax exemptions worth DM 44b.

Taxpayers would come out DM 10b. a year better off by 2002. The bottom rate of income tax would fall in steps to 19.9 percent from 25.9% now, while the top rate would be eased to 48.5% from 53%.

Most details of the counter-financing measures have already leaked out, and Germany's business lobby is up in arms, saying companies will end up footing the bill for income tax cuts.

Dieter Hundt, president of the BDA employers group, kept up the criticism by saying in a magazine

interview that the tax changes would choke off investment and destroy jobs.

"I will do everything in my power to stop this program to frighten off investors," Hundt told *Bunte*.

Bloomberg adds: Small and medium-sized companies are worried the planned changes will hit them hard next year, though they are still hoping last-minute amendments will work in their favor.

The reform won't benefit the *Mittelstand*, the German term for small and medium-sized companies, until the final step is implemented in 2002, analysts said. Instead, they are set to lose certain tax advantages as the new government closes a series of loopholes in 1999.

"The *Mittelstand* agrees in principle with getting rid of exemptions but the first stage of the coalition's tax plans mean a greater burden for companies," said Hans-Hermann Juergensmann, an adviser to companies at the DIHT industry association. "The new government has said there will be improvements to their plans, so we're waiting for that."

Under the headline "List of poison," the daily business newspaper *Handelsblatt* yesterday published

a list of 72 tax exemptions and benefits the paper said the new government plans to abolish. *Handelsblatt* said the government plans to close loopholes worth DM 37b. a year to businesses from 1999.

A clause exempting companies from half of their tax payments on "extraordinary income," such as selling off business units, will be scrapped, the paper said. At the same time, carrying losses backward to claim tax paid on profit in previous years will no longer be possible.

Neither the Finance Ministry nor the Social Democratic Party would comment on the list.

The BDI industry association called the list of exemptions "poison for the labor market." In a statement, BDI executive director Ludolf von Wartenberg said a "quick and significant" cut in the rate of corporate and business taxes is the "key" for more investment and jobs.

"Gerhard Schroeder must use this key or he will fail to reach his stated goal of lowering unemployment," von Wartenberg warned.

The income from abolishing

exemptions will finance a rise in child benefits to DM 250 from DM 230 a month for each child from January 1.

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Violence mars UEFA Cup action

LONDON (Reuters) - There was violence on and off the pitch in the UEFA Cup on Tuesday with the worst incident occurring in Italy where the second round, second leg tie between Fiorentina and Grasshoppers was abandoned at half-time.

The match, being played in neutral Salerno because of earlier crowd trouble at Fiorentina, was abandoned after linesman Philippe Flament was injured after a large firecracker thrown from the crowd exploded near him as he left the field at the interval.

But as well as that incident involving spectators, there was also trouble on the field in the match between Valencia and Liverpool in Spain.

Fiorentina were leading Grasshoppers 2-1 at the time, 4-1 on aggregate and the incident is the second involving objects thrown on the field in this round of the competition.

Two weeks ago Parma's Dino Baggio was struck on the head by a metal object thrown from the crowd in a first leg match at Wisla Krakow in Poland.

Fiorentina managing director Luciano Luna said his club had asked UEFA to replay the match in Salerno yesterday behind closed doors.

"UEFA officials will meet tomorrow morning and take their decision," he said.

The central Italian club were playing the match in the southern city because of a two-match ban on playing at home following crowd trouble last season. Luna hinted that the firecracker could have been hurled by fans of Salerno's club Salernitana who lost 4-0 to Fiorentina two weeks ago.

Police said Salernitana and Fiorentina fans had clashed outside the Arechi Stadium before the match and that four supporters had been treated at hospital for minor injuries.

On the pitch the 15 ties produced 10 sendings off on a painful night for British and German teams.

But Spain and France each saw four sides progress to the third round.

Late strikes by Steve McManaman and Czech Patrik Berger helped Liverpool to an incident-packed 2-2 draw in Spain against Valencia which saw the English side go through on the away goals rule.

But Liverpool's night was marred when McManaman and Liverpool captain Paul Ince, together with Valencia's Andoe Carboni, were sent off after a melee in the dying minutes.

Argentine Claudio Lopez, who had earlier opened the scoring, was on target

again for Valencia six minutes into injury time but it wasn't enough for the Spaniards.

English league leaders Aston Villa crashed to a 3-1 home defeat by Spain's Celta Vigo to go out 3-2 on aggregate.

Juan Sanchez, Alexander Mostovoi with a free-kick and Bulgarian Lubo Penev scored for Celta, who outplayed Villa despite having Rafael Berge sent off after 56 minutes.

There was misery too for Leeds United at Elland Road as Italy's Roma shrugged off the first-half dismissal of Pierre Wome to hold out for a goalless draw to go through 1-0 on aggregate.

Swiss side FC Zurich scored three goals in the space of 10 second-half minutes to trounce Scottish visitors Celtic 4-2, 5-3 overall.

Germany, meanwhile, saw VfB Stuttgart and Werder Bremen exit the competition.

Nine-man Stuttgart put up a brave fight in Belgium before losing 3-2 at Club Brugge after extra-time to go out 4-3 on aggregate.

Alexander Ilie headed the decisive goal five minutes from the end after the Germans, who reached the Cup Winners' Cup final last year, twice fought back to equalise despite having Pablo Thiam and Kristijan Djordjevic sent off in the second

half.

Christophe Dugarry scored the decisive goal as French league leaders Marseille squeaked home 3-2 at home to Werder for a 4-3 aggregate victory. Franck Gava put Monaco on the way to a 4-0 home win over AK Graz of Austria for a 7-3 victory overall while Girondins Bordeaux won 2-1 on the night against Dutch team Vitesse Arnhem to progress 3-1 on aggregate.

Alain Caveglia returned from injury to score twice for Olympique Lyon in their 3-2 victory over Crvena Zvezda Belgrade, the French side going through 5-3 overall.

Yugoslav Darko Kovacevic was twice on target as another Spanish side, Real Sociedad, eased through 6-2 on aggregate against Dynamo Moscow thanks to a 3-0 home win.

Atletico Madrid had Juninho penalty to thank for a 1-0 home win over CSKA Sofia of Bulgaria, winning 5-2 overall, while Real Betis cruised home 3-0 against visiting Willem II Tilburg for a 4-1 aggregate.

Wisla Krakow's Bogdan Ziaj scored at both ends as Parma scrambled into the third round 3-2 overall thanks to a 2-1 victory over the Poles in Italy.

Bologna scored twice in the last five minutes at Slavia Prague to earn a 2-0 win on the night, 4-1 on aggregate.

Fiery Ince faces further European exclusion

LONDON (Reuters) - Liverpool and England midfielder Paul Ince faces a lengthy suspension from international soccer for his club as well as his country after yet another hot-tempered excursion into Europe.

Ince was ordered off in injury time with team mate Steve McManaman and Valencia's Italian Amedeo Carboni after all three clashed on the touchline during their UEFA Cup second round second leg match in Spain on Tuesday night.

The 2-2 draw sent the premier league side through to the last 16 on the away goals rule but left the club's joint manager Roy Evans with a headache after yet another disciplinary lapse by a player already sidelined for England.

UEFA last month slapped a three-match ban on the player for heated remarks he made to Italian referee Pierluigi Collina after being sent off during England's opening Euro 2000 qualifier in Sweden in September.

That suspension ensured he cannot play again for England in a competitive match until they host Sweden next June.

Evans defended his men after the Valencia game but others were considerably less charitable towards Ince.

"I didn't see an awful lot but nothing much seemed to happen," Evans declared afterwards.

"There were no punches landed and players from both sides tried to make sure it didn't go any further," The Daily Mirror tabloid newspaper meanwhile questioned Ince's self-control on the international stage.

"It seems Ince just cannot keep his cool in the big game cauldron," it declared. "He raced yards to get involved in a confrontation that had absolutely nothing to do with him."

UEFA would not comment on what sanctions Ince might face but others speculated that he could pick up his second three-match suspension of the season - meaning he could be out of Liverpool's UEFA campaign until March.

UEFA said its disciplinary committee was scheduled to meet in Switzerland on November 12 and a spokesman confirmed that the player's general record could be a factor.

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Even with Katash, hopes for win at Panathinaikos are slim

By BRIAN FRESMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv faces its first real test tonight in the "Return of Oded Katash Era," taking on undefeated Panathinaikos in a EuroLeague battle in Athens.

True, Maccabi, which lost its first three games, has already won two European games in a row since Katash returned from the US while waiting for the NBA lockout to end.

But those victories came against Cibona Zagreb and Red Star Belgrade, which have a combined record of 1-9 (and that lone win came when they played each other).

Panathinaikos, on the other hand, is playing as if on a mission, steamrolling over opponents by an average of 13 points a game, including a 84-62 drubbing of Maccabi at Yad Eliahu in the EuroLeague opener.

The club, which did not play in the EuroLeague last season after failing to qualify, seems determined to return to the elite of Europe. Panathinaikos won the title in 1996 and reached the Final Four in 1994 and 1995.

The Greeks appear to have no weaknesses. Their offense revolves around Dino Radja, who is averaging 20 points a game (second in the EuroLeague) and 7 rebounds, while Dejan Bodiroga averages 17.6 points, 4.2 rebounds and 4.2 assists.

Their outside shooting is the second best in the EuroLeague at 46.3%, led by Fragiskos Alvertis at 57.9% (11-19) and Michael Koch at 50% (6-12).

That offensive mixture does not even include Ferdinando Gentile, who shoots 38.9% (7-18) from three-point range himself or Nikolaos Economou, who averages 9 points a game and burned Maccabi for 22 points in the win over the Israelis at Yad Eliahu in September and for 35 points in Panathinaikos's first-ever win over

Maccabi in Tel Aviv three seasons ago. On the defensive end, Panathinaikos - which is also undefeated at 8-0 in the difficult Greek league - holds EuroLeague opponents to a minuscule 63 points a game.

Maccabi will certainly have its work cut out, especially since the team has suffered a spate of injuries recently.

Willie Anderson has not returned to practice and appears to be at an end of his short-lived stay with the club; Boriko Radovic almost certainly won't play tonight; Gur Shalef has returned to practice but it is questionable how much he can contribute tonight; and Oded Katash continues to be bothered by an injury in his left hand suffered in Maccabi's league victory over Maccabi Haifa on Sunday.

In addition, Guy Goodes and Doron Sheffer are complaining of injuries, and it appears certain that Maccabi will release Nikola Loncar soon.

Even at full strength, Maccabi has found it difficult against Panathinaikos (a 1-4 record overall since 1994) and in Greece, where Tel Aviv has won only twice in nine tries this decade.

For those looking for a faint sign of hope, one of those victories in Greece came last season. Olympiakos thrashed Maccabi at Yad Eliahu 87-73, but the Israelis shocked the Greeks 76-71 in the encounter in Athens.

Tonight's game is scheduled to start at 9:30 p.m. and be shown live on Channel 1.

EuroLeague Group B				
	P	W	L	Pts.
Panathinaikos	5	5	0	10
Eintracht	5	4	1	9
Barcelona	5	3	2	8
Maccabi Tel Aviv	5	2	3	7
Cibona Zagreb	5	1	4	6
Red Star Belgrade	5	0	5	5



COULD HE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE? - Oded Katash.

(Reuters)

Mac. Haifa attempt to make history v. Ried

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

Maccabi Haifa host SV Ried at Kiryat Eliezer this evening as they attempt to become the most successful Israeli soccer side in Europe by qualifying for the last-8 of the Cup Winners' Cup.

Haifa have already equalled their own record of reaching the last-16 achieved in 1993 when they were knocked out by Parma in a penalty shoot-out. They are undoubtedly ready to go at least one better this time, and after beating Glentoran of Northern Ireland in the preliminary round and shocking Europe by knocking out Paris St. Germain in the first round, The Haifaies will try to reverse a 2-1 deficit from the first leg in Austria a fortnight ago.

Haifa, who convincingly beat Maccabi Petah Tikva 4-0 on Saturday in front of the eagle eyes of Ried's manager Klaus Köttinger, will welcome back skipper Arik Benado and young star Yossi Benayoun after serving a one-match suspension. They will, however, miss Ukrainian defender Sergei Balanchuk who received his second yellow card in Austria and Avishai Janno who was sent off in the dying seconds of the PSG game.

The return of Benado, and a performance on Saturday which won him praise as the man of the match, was noticed by Ried's manager who has already named his forwards of Israel's center back who looks certain to keep a close eye on Ried's forward Gerald Strafer.

Two other Israeli internationals, Alon Harazi and goalkeeper Nir Davidovich, who both suffered injuries during the week, will return to the side and together with Guy Melamed and Adoram Casey com-

plete Haifa's back four. Coach Dusan Ohlin looks like keeping the same midfield which beat Petah Tikva on Saturday. This means that Bosnian Ibrahim Duro looks certain to start on the bench while Yaniv Katam will partner Alon Mizrahi up front.

Mizrahi, who scored the only goal for Haifa in the 2-1 defeat at Linz, will try and notch his 15th goal in a European competition and take Haifa closer to the final.

The Austrians arrived in Israel yesterday and trained at Kiryat Eliezer. They were to complete their preparations for the match by watching a video recording of Haifa's game from Saturday.

Strafer who scored Ried's 85th minute winner said that his team has great respect for the Israeli side, and added: "Only if we remain serious and focused enough we will achieve what we set for ourselves."

Strafer, who has heard from his manager about the return of Benado to the side said: "I heard about Benado and the way he kept Spain's forwards at bay, he is a quality center-back but I'll need a few minutes of play in order to learn how to cope with him."

Second-choice goalkeeper Milan Oraz, who started the game in Linz is doubtful after suffering from an injury. Oraz, who resumed training recently may still be replaced in goal by Ronald Unger.

Maccabi have 700 tickets left for today's clash, but even they are likely to disappear within minutes, due to the high demand. The box office will open at 9 a.m. and Kiryat Eliezer looks certain to be full for the 7 p.m. kickoff despite the live coverage on cable channel 24 and Radio 2.

Ra'anana wins, Rishon loses in Korac Cup action

There were mixed results for Israeli clubs in two Korac Cup games played here last night. Maccabi Ra'anana picked up an important win over Cibula (Bosnia), while Rishon LeZion fell to Benfica Lisbon (Portugal). Both teams are now 3-1 in European play, with excellent chances to advance to the next stage.

Ra'anana 70, Cibula 62 (OT) Mark Brisker atoned for missing a last-second shot at the end of regulation by scoring six points in the overtime session - including the last free throw with five seconds remaining which gave the hosts the all-important eight-point advantage - to secure the win. The point differential was vital, since Ra'anana's (3-1) only loss in Group 7 play was a seven-point defeat to the Bosnians in the first round.

If Ra'anana can sweep its next two

games, the Israelis will finish first in their group heading into the next stage of the competition.

Tomer Steinbauer led Ra'anana's scorers with 18 points, while Jose Waitman and Brisker chipped in with 17 apiece.

Tamir Zura - who almost single-handedly carried Cibula in the second half - paced his club with 15.

Benfica Lisbon 77, Rishon 74 Dwayne Washington made a horrible non-decision as time ran out and Rishon paid the price.

Down by one, 75-74, and with the final possession, Washington elected to run the clock down before attempting a mid-range fallaway jumper. After the low-percentage shot rimmed out, veteran Jose Cargol iced the Portuguese victory with two clutch free throws.

Washington's play at the end was reflective of his performance all

night: poor decision-making compounded by worse shooting. The hosts played significantly better when backups Thomas Pachecas and Ian Kadosh were manning the point guard position.

Rishon's disappointing overall play doesn't bode well for new coach Moshe Weinkrantz. Despite the coaching change, the lackluster effort remained, as Rishon - despite being considerably more talented - suffered several defensive lapses, enabling the mediocre Portuguese squad to remain in the game.

Josh Grant and Jamal Faulkner led the victors with 18 points apiece.

In two Saporta Cup games that took place late Tuesday night, Hapoel Jerusalem suffered its first loss in any competition this year, losing to Vilnius, 79-78 on the road, while Hapoel Eilat fell to 2-4 after losing to at home Podgorica, 78-76.

Sampras, Rios show their class in Paris

PARIS (Reuters) - Pete Sampras and Marcelo Rios completed convincing straight sets second round wins in the \$2.55 million Paris Open yesterday.

Chilean Rios was arguably the most impressive of the world's top two in his 6-0 6-4 demolition of Australian Todd Woodbridge.

Sampras, title holder and world No. 1, had to fight hard in the first set before cruising past Swede Thomas Johansson 7-6 6-1.

The way the American fended off the Swede's challenge was particularly impressive.

As world No. 19 Johansson served for the first set at 5-4, Sampras simply moved up a gear and took it with a brilliant display of serve and volley expertise.

The loss of the set 9-7 on

tiebreak simply destroyed Johansson who bowed out of the match in less than half an hour.

Rios achieved his first victory in the lucrative Parisian tournament after defeats in 1996 and last year.

It was also his first win over Woodbridge, who had beaten him twice previously.

Rios looked as if he has fully recovered from the injury which forced him out of the Lyon Grand Prix last month.

Woodbridge was not permitted a game in the 25-minute opening set.

The Australian salvaged some pride by holding serve early in the second set. But it was only a temporary reprieve as Rios broke to lead 4-2 and went on to win in little more than an hour.

SA police thrash Israelis - at tennis

By JOEL GORDIN

The Israel Police is lately not only having a hard time fighting common criminals, terrorists and protesting students.

Last week it went into action and was thoroughly thrashed by the South African Police - at tennis.

An SAP tennis team made up of 12 men and four women completed a 12-day tour of the country on Tuesday during which they played a series of matches against their Israeli colleagues.

The tour was organized by Marc Kahberg, a tennis coach from South Africa who now serves in the police.

Kahberg, now 35, immigrated in 1987. He attracted nation-wide attention in 1991 when he and eight of his charges set a world record for continuous doubles play - 74 hours.

Kahberg also played for Beersheba and Israel at cricket.

Later, he joined the Israel Police and became a detective in Tel Aviv. Two years ago, working through the International Police Association (IPA) he organized a tour of Israel Police tennis players to South Africa. The Israeli players were chosen after an extensive open contest. The SAP has a very competitive team consisting of top provincial and national players and the Israelis were not of the same standard.

However, that did not deter Kahberg from organizing the return tour. Once again the hosts were no match for the visitors.

The Israelis took their licking in god spirits and both parties celebrated into the night at a farewell party attended by South African Ambassador Frank Land and his wife, Maatchien. In the meantime the untiring Kahberg is already investigating the possibilities of taking his team on a tour of Australia.

All eyes on Laudrup's return home to Denmark

LONDON (Reuters) - Brian Laudrup returns home today knowing a sizzling performance could bury his future team mates as Chelsea travel to Copenhagen for their European Cup Winners' Cup clash.

The Laudrup affair has added extra spice to this second round match as the defending champions arrive in the Danish capital with only a 1-1 first leg draw under their belts.

Laudrup signed for Chelsea from Scotland's Rangers on a three-year deal in the summer - but is already desperate to join FC Copenhagen.

Despite being on a reputed £50,000 a week, the 29-year-old attacking midfielder, who retired from international football after a successful World Cup, wants to return home. Chelsea have told him he can... but not just yet.

Laudrup was one of the better Chelsea players in the first leg and, if he plays, should be the biggest threat to his compatriots. But with Copenhagen's hopes boosted by their Bjørn Goldbak away goal a fortnight ago they are promising a fight.

A goalless draw would be enough to see the hosts go through and quash Chelsea's bid to become the first club to retain the cup.

Lazio enter their second round clash after a series of up-and-down results which have shaken their confidence.

The Italian side's two Yugoslav stars Sinisa Mihajlovic and Dejan Stankovic expect a stormy homecoming when they line up against Partizan Belgrade after the first leg in Rome ended 0-0.

Lazio come into the match on the back of a 1-0 away defeat by Salernitana on Sunday - the lowly side's first victory in the top flight in 50 years - a loss that leaves them in sixth place in Serie A, six points

behind leaders Juventus.

Lazio are strengthened by the return of Croat striker Alen Boksic, who came on for the last half hour against Salernitana and who starts on the substitutes' bench against Partizan.

Portugal's Braga entertain Lokomotiv Moscow, of Russia, without a coach after firing Vitor Oliveira on Monday.

Braga trail 3-1 from the first leg. Injuries to key players have forced Besiktas coach John Toshack to overhaul his team for their match with Norway's Valerenga.

Nigerian striker Christopher Oden will most likely take the place of countryman Daniel Amokachi, out with a hamstring injury. Oden will partner Turkish national striker Oktay Dereliolu in an attempt to overturn the 1-0 deficit from the first leg.

Valerenga are pinning their hopes on in-form striker John Carew, 19, and the magic of former Norwegian soccer coach Egil Olsen, who took over in August and lifted Valerenga from bottom of the 14-strong elite division to seventh.

Mallorca will miss midfielder Jovan Stankovic who is suspended for the game against Genk. Ariel Ibagaza is expected to replace Stankovic and play his first game for nearly two months after a foot injury.

Otherwise Mallorca coach Hector Cuper is expected to name an unchanged side to that which drew 1-1 at Deportivo Coruna in the Spanish league on Sunday. Croatia's Varteks Varazdin will be at full strength ahead of their return match against Dutch side Heerenveen as they try to overturn the 2-1 away loss from the first leg.

Other ties see Apollon Limassol try to overturn a 3-2 first leg away defeat to Panionios Athens and Maccabi Haifa host SV Ried, trailing 2-1.

WI Board trying to salvage SA tour

ST JOHN'S, Antigua (Reuters) - The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) began an emergency meeting yesterday in a bid to salvage the South Africa tour.

Captain Brian Lara and vice-captain Carl Hooper were among nine of the 16-strong squad who refused to travel to Johannesburg because of a pay dispute.

All the member-territories of the WICB were in attendance and the players' "union," the West Indies Players' Association (WIPA), was represented by chief executive David Holford and former Test player Roland Holder.

Although WIPA, which negotiates fees for the cricketers,

claims the WICB accepted its proposal on fees for the tour, it admitted that there are issues surrounding the acceptance with which the WIPA is not in agreement.

Neither organization has detailed the problems, but the Barbados Advocate newspaper said non-payment for training sessions and days off as well as a reduction in players' fees, when compared to the last full, major tour of Australia two years ago, were apparently at the root of the problem.

The tour, which includes five Tests and seven one-day internationals, is scheduled to start with a warm-up game near Johannesburg next Tuesday.

Leeds get permission to talk to Dublin

COVENTRY (Reuters) - English premier league side Coventry City have given Leeds United permission to talk to their striker Dion Dublin and accepted a bid of £6 million for the England international.

The decision will put pressure on Aston Villa to increase their offer of £5 million for Dublin which Coventry insist is not enough.

Villa are still hoping they will win the race for the 29-year-old centre forward but so far they have been denied the right to talk to the player.

Flames down Red Wings; Penguins tie Flyers

DETROIT (AP) - Tyler Moss won his first National Hockey League game since January and Cory Stillman scored two goals as the Calgary Flames beat Detroit 5-2 on Tuesday night, handing the Red Wings their third straight loss.

Theoren Fleury and Andrew Cassels both had a goal and an assist and Steve Dubinsky scored for the Flames, who were 0-6-2 against the Red Wings since last beating them Oct. 11, 1996.

Tomas Holmstrom had a goal and an assist and Martin Lapointe added a goal for the Red Wings, who are 2-4-0 since coach Scott Bowman returned to the bench Oct. 23.

Penguins 4, Flyers 4 In Pittsburgh, Maxim Galanov scored his first two NHL goals, including the game-tying score with 5:24 left, as the Penguins rallied from a three-goal deficit to tie the Philadelphia Flyers.

The Flyers' three-game losing streak ended, but Philadelphia is 1-4-2 since starting the season 4-0-1.

The Penguins lost goaltender Peter Skudra with 1:29 left in the

third after a collision in the crease with the Flyers' John LeClair. Pittsburgh is already without No. 1 goalie Tom Barraso, who missed his seventh consecutive game on Tuesday because of a groin injury.

Rookie Jean-Sebastien Aubin finished the game.

Devils 3, Rangers 1 In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Scott Stevens scored the first goal of the season by a New Jersey defenseman on a long slap shot late in the second period and the Devils ended the New York Rangers' six-game unbeaten streak.

The game was somewhat of a homecoming as Devils defenseman Scott Niedermayer played his first game of the year after a contract problem and long-time Devil John MacLean returned in a Rangers' uniform.

The result wasn't surprising as the Devils extended their unbeaten streak against New York to 11 games (7-0-4) by becoming the first team in three games to score against Mike Richter. He had come into the game off shutouts against Buffalo and Carolina but

he was beaten by Brendan Morrison, Stevens and Jay Pandolfo, who clinched the game with 2:27 to play.

Sabres 4, Bruins 2 In Buffalo, New York, Dominik Hasek became the winningest goaltender in Sabres history with his 157th victory, moving past Don Edwards with a 4-2 win over the Boston Bruins.

Curtis Brown's first goal of the season proved to be the game-winner, as the Sabres continued what for them is a scoring binge.

Dixon Ward, Miroslav Satan and Michal Grosse also scored for the Sabres. The Sabres were coming off a home-and-home sweep of Toronto in which they ended a scoring drought with 10 goals.

Buffalo is unbeaten in its last four games, while Boston has won just one of its last six. Steve Heinze and Hal Gill scored for Boston.

Boston 10-1-2 First Period-1, Boston, Heinz 4 (Thomson), 11:12 (Gill), 2, Buffalo, Ward 3 (Pecall), 7:23, Second Period-3, Buffalo, Saton 2 (Grosse), 14:06, 22:7, Third Period-4, Buffalo, Brown 1 (Pecall), 5:00, 5, Boston, Gill 1 (MacLean), 9:22, 6, Buffalo, Grosse 3 (Satan, Wooley), 11:28.

Shots on goal-Boston 7-5-20, Buffalo 9-9-14-32. Goals-Boston, Dallas, Buffalo, Hasek.

NY Rangers 9-1-4 First Period-1, New Jersey, Morrison 2 (Andrzejewski), 14:55 (pp), Second Period-2, New York, K.Stevens 2 (MacLean, Thomson), 5:30, 3, New Jersey, S.Stevens 1 (Roston), 15:23, Third Period-4, New Jersey, Pandolfo 2 (Pecall), 15-6-20.

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One day after what was to have been the start of the season, Stern said agents for the highest-paid players had disrupted and slowed the process.

"There's something going on that doesn't involve us, something internally in the union," Stern said. "As I stand here today, I don't know exactly

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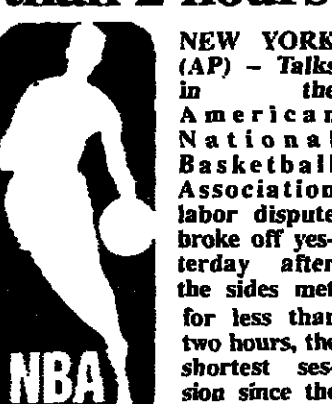
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Talks break off after less than 2 hours



NEW YORK (AP) — Talks in the American National Basketball Association labor dispute broke off yesterday after the sides met for less than two hours, the shortest session since the lockout began July 1.

"We were just sitting around the table, and both of us are somewhat stymied not knowing which way to move next," union director Billy Hunter said. "We just thought it might be better to go back to our respective offices and look at where we were."

"If we think it's appropriate, we will talk about getting together on Friday," Commissioner David Stern and league representatives did not immediately comment.

The sides were bickering even before they began bargaining.

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United destroy Brondby once again



Manchester United's Dwight Yorke (center) weaves his way through the Brondby defense.

(Reuters)

all level on five points.

Ajax 2, Olympiakos 0
In Amsterdam, Ajax Amsterdam beat Olympiakos Piraeus 2-0 to dislodge the Greeks from the top of group A.

A goal from Richard Witschge in the 32nd minute rewarded the Dutch team who had the bulk of the possession in the first half.

While Ajax always looked the stronger side, they failed to build on their lead until near the end of the match, when substitute Dean Gorre lobbed keeper Dimitrios Eleftheropoulos to secure Ajax's victory two minutes from the end.

Both teams now have seven points but the Dutch team top the group because they have a better head-to-head record against the Greeks.

Croatia Zagreb 3, Porto 1

In Zagreb, teenager Mihal Mikic scored Croatia Zagreb's first goal in the Champions' League to trigger a 3-1 win over Porto that avenged a 3-0 defeat two weeks ago.

Mikic opened the scoring in the seventh minute when he converted from six meters a high-flying cross from the left.

Croatia were lucky to extend the lead in the 37th when midfielder Tomislav Rukavina's speculative 30-meter effort took a deflection and went over Porto's goalkeeper Ivica Kralj.

Porto came back two minutes later when substitute Mario Jardel headed home from close range. Midfielder Edin Mujcin, Croatia's top scorer in the domestic league,

put the game beyond Porto's reach in the 61st with a left-foot shot from 18 meters.

Croatia remain bottom of group A with four points, equal with Porto, while Ajax Amsterdam and Olympiakos Piraeus have seven after Ajax's 2-0 win.

Kaiserslautern 3, PSV 1

In Kaiserslautern, the hosts came from behind to notch up a 3-1 win over 10-man PSV Eindhoven to take an iron grip of Group F.

PSV went ahead in the 18th minute through Rued van Nistelrooij, who powered into the box and slotted the ball underneath the diving Andreas Reinkens.

But the Dutch side were reduced to 10 men eight minutes later when goalkeeper Patrick Lodewijks was

sent off for a challenge on Kaiserslautern striker Uwe Roesler.

The Germans drew level in the 68th minute thanks to a headed goal from half-time substitute Juergen Rische. Marco Reich put them ahead in the 77th minute and Marian Hristov completed the scoring a few moments before the final whistle.

Kaiserslautern, who two seasons ago were in the German second division, now have 10 points, five clear of HJK Helsinki who drew 2-2 at Benfica. The Portuguese are third with four points, one ahead of PSV.

Panathinaikos 1, Lens 0
In Athens, Panathinaikos beat RC Lens 1-0 in their group E match, handing the French their first defeat

of the tournament.

Young midfielder Leonidas Vokolos headed home in the 52nd minute after a free-kick by Angelos Basias.

The win lifted the Greek club top of the group on six points.

Lens had their best chance to level in the 65th minute when a shot by Michael Debeve from 15 metres was saved by Panathinaikos' goalkeeper Josef Wandzik.

Group A, results:
Ajax Amsterdam 2, Olympiakos Piraeus 0
Croatia Zagreb 3, Porto 1

Group B, results:
Galatasaray 3, Rosenborg Trondheim 0
Juventus 1, Athletic Bilbao 1

Group C, results:
Spartak Moscow 1, Inter Milan 1
Sturm Graz v. real Madrid, ppd.

Group D, results:
Barcelona 1, Bayern Munich 2
Manchester United 5, Brondby 0

Group E, results:
Dynamo Kiev 3, Arsenal 1
Panathinaikos 1, RC Lens 0

Group F, results:
Benfica 2, HJK Helsinki 2
Kaiserslautern 3, PSV Eindhoven 1

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax Amsterdam	4	2	1	1	4	2	7
Olympiakos Piraeus	2	1	1	5	4	1	1
Porto	4	1	1	2	7	4	4
Croatia Zagreb	4	1	1	2	3	6	4

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Galatasaray	4	2	1	1	4	4	7
Rosenborg	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Juventus	4	0	4	0	4	4	4
Athletic Bilbao	4	0	3	1	3	4	3

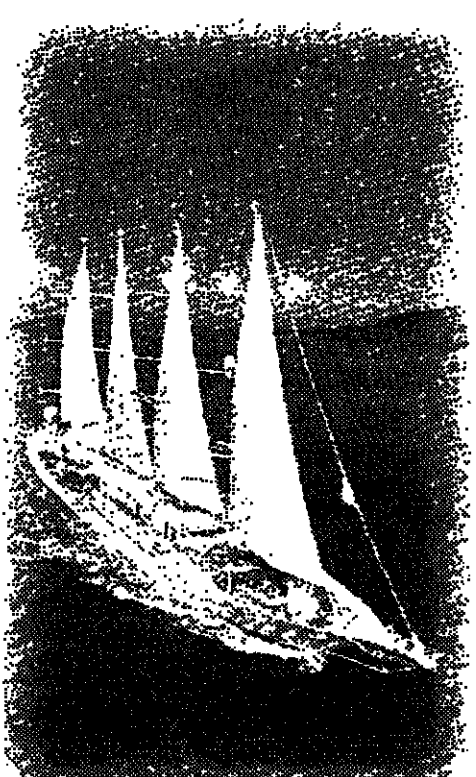
Group C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Inter Milan	4	2	1	1	4	4	7
Spartak Moscow	2	1	1	6	4	7	4
Real Madrid	3	2	0	1	9	3	6
Sturm Graz	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

Group D	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United	4	2	2	0	16	7	8
Brondby	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Bayern Munich	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
Real Madrid	4	1	0	3	4	4	3

Group E	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Panathinaikos	4	2	0	2	4	4	7
Dynamo Kiev	4	1	2	1	4	5	5
RC Lens	4	1	2	1	3	5	5
Arsenal	4	1	2	1	5	6	5

Group F	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kaiserslautern	3	2	1	0	3	1	7
HJK Helsinki	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
Benfica	4	1	1	2	4	8	4
PSV Eindhoven	3	1	0	2	4	5	3

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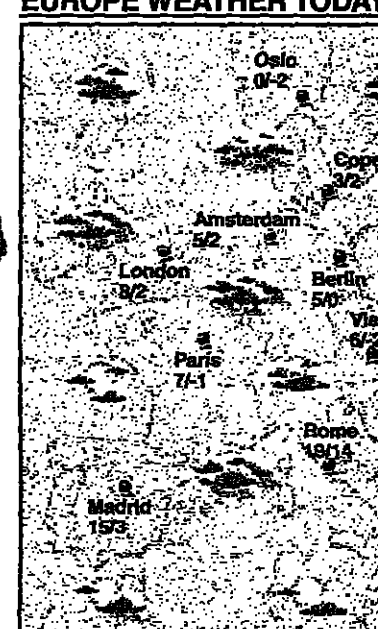


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EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



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City	Today High	Today Low	Friday High	Friday Low	Saturday High	Saturday Low	Sunday High	Sunday Low
Ariel	28/18	14/5/6	30/16	15/6/8	30/16	15/6/8	28/18	13/5/6
Beer Sheva	29/18	14/5/6	31/16	16/1/8	31/16	16/1/8	29/18	14/5/6
Dead Sea	22/8	18/6/4	24/8	20/6/8	24/8	20/6/8	22/8	18/6/4
Eilat	31/18	20/6/4	31/18	22/7/16	31/18	22/7/16	30/18	20/6/4
Haifa	27/18	17/6/2	28/18	18/6/4	28/18	18/6/4	27/18	17/6/2
Jerusalem	26/18	14/5/6	28/18	16/1/8	28/18	16/1/8	26/18	12/5/3
Katzen	27/18	10/5/0	29/18	10/5/0	29/18	10/5/0	27/18	10/5/0
Natanya	28/18	18/6/4	30/18	18/6/4	30/18	18/6/4	28/18	18/6/4
Tel Aviv	28/18	18/6/4	31/18	20/6/8	31/18	20/6/8	29/18	18/6/4
Thibets	32/18	18/6/4	34/18	18/6/4	34/18	18/6/4	32/18	16/1/1

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INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High	Today Low	Friday High	Friday Low	Saturday High	Saturday Low	Sunday High	Sunday Low
Amsterdam	54/1	35/0	74/4	33/7	74/4	33/7	72/2	10/0
Berlin	55/1	35/0	74/4	33/7	74/4	33/7	72/2	10/0
Buenos Aires	64/3	32/5	64/3	23/5	64/3	23/5	62/2	12/3
Calcutta	28/2	18/4	30/2	20/6	30/2	20/6	28/2	18/4
Chicago	4/9	-3/27	4/9	-3/27	4/9	-3/27	4/9	-3/27
Frankfurt	23/5	0/28	43/9	-2/29	43/9	-2/29	43/9	-2/29
Hong Kong	33/7	21/7	33/7	21/7	33/7	21/7	33/7	21/7
Los Angeles	28/7	18/6	28/7	13/6	28/7	13/6	28/7	13/6
London	8/4	2/24	8/4	2/24	8/4	2/24	8/4	2/24
Los Angeles	24/7	8/4	24/7	8/4	24/7	8/4	24/7	8/4
Madrid	15/6	3/7	15/6	3/7	15/6	3/7	15/6	3/7
Mexico City	22/7	8/4	22/7	8/4	22/7	8/4	22/7	8/4
Montreal	2/5	-5/24	2/5	-5/24	2/5	-5/24	2/5	-5/24
Moscow	2/5	-13/18	1/4	-4/25	1/4	-4/25	1/4	-4/25
New York	4/9	3/7	4/9	3/7	4/9	3/7	4/9	3/7
Paris	7/4	-1/18	7/4	-1/18	7/4	-1/18	7/4	-1/18
Peking	2/5	-3/27	2/5	-3/27	2/5	-3/27	2/5	-3/27
Rio de Janeiro	27/7	21/7	27/7	21/7	27/7	21/7	27/7	21/7
Rome	15/6	14/5	15/6	12/5	15/6	12/5	15/6	12/5
Sydney	25/7	21/7	25/7	21/7	25/7	21/7	25/7	21/7
Tokyo	19/6	8/4	19/6	13/6	19/6	13/6	19/6	13/6
Vancouver	4/9	-5/24	4/9	-5/24	4/9	-5/24	4/9	-5/24
Warsaw	4/9	-13/18	4/9	-13/18	4/9	-13/18	4/9	-13/18
Washington	11/2	2/29	11/2	2/29	11/2	2/29	11/2	2/29
Zurich	54/1	-2/29	54/1	-1/18	54/1	-1/18	54/1	-1/18

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